



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

Please find a useful [link](#) that provides information for parents/carers about supporting conversations with their children about online sexual harassment.

Character

Our focus next week is on the character strength of Humility. Humility is a cornerstone of our character program, embodying the virtue of maintaining a modest and unpretentious perspective on our individual importance, achievements, and abilities. It encourages a genuine understanding of both strengths and weaknesses, fostering an atmosphere of openness, respect, and a willingness to learn. Embracing humility not only contributes to personal growth but also cultivates a supportive and collaborative community within our school.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

After a well-earned rest over the Christmas break, our Year 11 students are now swiftly shifting gears into 2024 with a focus on revision and renewed energy. As we step into the new year, there is lots of activity taking place in relation to our raising achievement programme. Here are some of the key dates in January:

Monday 8th January: Mock Results Day

Session 6 starts Monday-Thursday (3:20-4:20pm)

Wednesday 10th January: Foundation Maths intervention with William Thallon, Herts for Learning Maths Specialist (15.25 - 16.55pm) - Open to all foundation students.

Monday 15th January: Subject specific interventions and revision session commence.

Thursday 18th January: Raising Achievement Evening

Tuesday 23rd January: Higher Maths X band intervention with William Thallon, Herts for Learning Maths Specialist (15.25 - 16.55pm). Open to all X band higher paper students.

Wednesday 24th January: Higher Maths Y Band intervention with William Thallon, Herts for Learning Maths Specialist (15.25 - 16.55pm). Open to all Y band higher paper students.

Careers

Martin-Baker Apprenticeship Scheme

The [Martin-Baker](#) Apprenticeship Scheme is now open for applications for the September 2024 intake for any current Year 11 or Year 13 students.

Martin-Baker offers the opportunity to combine working with a fascinating product and an exciting four years of on-the-job training and have a number of positions for their **Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeships** (Level 3, Level 4 and Level 6/degree apprenticeships). Students can apply now [here](#) and are recruiting on an ongoing basis until they have filled all roles, so have recommended students apply as soon as possible if of interest.

Key Dates

- 15 Jan: Y12 Trial Exams
- 18 Jan: Y11 Raising Achievement Evening
- 2 Feb: ASA Quiz Night

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

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
10535	10328	9969	10705
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st
05/01/2024			

Communications

- [Y9 Work Shadowing](#)
- [Y9 Work Shadowing Letter for Employer](#)

Vacancies

- [Teaching Assistant 18 or 30 hrs](#)

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons for the Summer Term please email SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **Monday 5th February** or use this [form](#) to withdraw from lessons. If notice is given after this date, costs will be incurred.

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

Any other queries regarding Music Tuition at Ashlyns School please email Mrs Marval at musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Careers in Conservation

Is your child interested in working with animals? Here's their chance to find out about the incredible role zoos play in conserving some of the world's most endangered species. Students will hear from a guest speaker from Paradise Wildlife Park about what it is like to work in a zoo and on conservation projects across the globe. If they have ever wanted to work with species from snow leopards to penguins this will also give them a unique insight into what it really is like to be a zookeeper. The talk will take place in the LRC on Wednesday 24 January at 10am and is open to students in Years 8-10. If your child is interested in attending please register your interest [here](#). In the event that we are oversubscribed we will offer places via a random ballot.

Uniform

Our uniform supplier, PL Schoolwear, has new premises in Hemel Hempstead at 23 Bennetts Gate, HP3 8EW. They will be open at this address from 10th January with the following opening hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9.30am - 5.00pm

Friday: 9.30am - 4.30pm

There is no need to book an appointment to visit.

<https://plschoolewear.co.uk/product-category/ashlyns/>

Herts County Cross Country Championship 2024

These will be held at Verulamium Park, St Albans on Saturday 3 February. If you are interested and feel your child meets the necessary standard then please send them to see Mr Preston or email him with your child's details and for information: jpreston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

ASA News

Quiz Night – 2 February

Our annual quiz sold out in record time - thank you to everyone who has bought a table/ticket. We will be holding a pudding auction on the night, so if you can make or buy a pudding or cake for this event, please email us to let us know. If homemade, we kindly ask for a list of ingredients too (ASA@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

Bag2School

We have arranged another B2S donation for early March, giving you time over half term to have a sort out and get rid of those unwanted, good quality clothes, shoes, bags etc. The [attached flyer](#) contains a list of all the accepted items. This is an easy way to raise extra funds for school and allows you to declutter at the same time!

New2You Uniform at reduced prices!!

We have a large number of good quality old-style PE shirts and hoodies, as well as some skirts and blazers (limited sizes). We are selling these at very low prices - £3 for a hoodie, £2 for a polo shirt, £3 for skirts and £5 for blazers. If you would like to buy anything please email ASA@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk specifying the item/s and size/s required.