



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 [guide](#) for parents to help provide mobile phone health and safety for children. It contains information about parental controls, security and appropriate boundaries to keep children safe.

Character Education

This week, our school community has come together to celebrate the theme of citizenship. From engaging house assemblies to thought-provoking tutor time activities, we've explored the essence of being responsible and active members of our school and larger society.

Year 9 Options Evening

Next Thursday sees our Year 9 Options Evening, which is a crucial part of the GCSE options selection process for our current Year 9s. Please refer to previous communication for details of the event, but an options booklet containing the necessary information plus further details will be sent out early next week. The event should be attended by students with parents and carers; students should be in full school uniform. It begins promptly at 6.45 with a main presentation in the chapel followed by subject presentations and will end by 9pm.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

The impressive turnout at this week's year 11 revision sessions reflects the commitment and dedication of our students towards their academic success. These sessions serve as invaluable opportunities for students to collaborate with their teachers, who are the experts in their respective subjects. By engaging with their teachers during revision sessions, students gain a deeper understanding of the material, receive targeted guidance, and develop effective study strategies tailored to their individual needs. We encourage all year 11 students to actively participate in these sessions, maximising the benefits of this crucial academic support as they prepare for their upcoming exams. [Open Revision Timetable](#)

Medical Room Request

If you have any crutches at home you are no longer using please would you consider donating them to our medical room, thank you.

Signing out Procedure

If a student is feeling unwell they must visit Matron who will assess them and call home where necessary, students should not call home to arrange to be picked up. Thank you for your support with this.

Key Dates

- 5 Feb: ASA Meeting
- 8 Feb: Y9 Options Evening
- 15 Feb: Y9 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 19-23 Feb: Half Term

Next Week [Winter Lunch Menu](#): Week 3

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
16020	15749	15068	16099
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st
02/02/2024			

Communications

- [Measles Communication](#)
- [Y12 UCAS and Careers Evening](#)
- [Y12 Work Experience](#)
- [Y12 Careers Insight, Advice & Guidance](#)

Vacancies

- [Head of PRE](#)
- [Teacher of Technology](#)
- [Finance Manager](#)
- [French Foreign Language Assistant](#)

DSPL8

Anxiety Unravelling course by Bounce Forward, starting 28th February 8-9pm for 3 weeks. This course is open to families in Dacorum to help you support your child with their anxieties.

For more information on this course, please click the link below:

[Anxiety Unravelling - Bounce Forward](#)

Progressive Masculinity Workshops

This week we were visited by Progressive Masculinity to work with our sixth form, firstly through an assembly and then through some workshops. We have now worked with Progressive Masculinity across a variety of year groups, and student feedback has been universally and overwhelmingly positive. The workshops explore what it means to be a man in today's society and stereotypes around masculinity. We are using this to inform some of our equalities work going forward.

Careers

Next week marks National Apprenticeship Week. Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice you'll be an employee earning a wage, work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills and get time for training and study related to your role (at least 20% of your normal working hours). Apprenticeships take 1 to 5 years to complete depending on their level.

To celebrate this week all students will be finding out more about apprenticeships during their tutor activities. Below you will find a number of useful links where you can find useful information about the various apprenticeships available

[Amazing Apprenticeships.](#)

[ASK Programme](#)

[Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal \(HOP\)](#)

[Unifrog](#) (you can use your child's login to explore the apprenticeships tab)

[Government Website](#)

Careers in Engineering and Construction Virtual Event

Thursday 8th February, from 5pm - 6.30pm:

[Application Link](#)

Banking & FinTech Event - Tuesday 6th February, 5pm - 6:30pm:

[Application Link](#)

Engineering & Construction Event - Wednesday 7th February, 5pm - 6:30pm:

[Application Link](#)

Business & Accounting Event: Monday 5th February, 5pm - 6:30pm:

[Application Link](#)

Get into Law Event: Wednesday 7th February, 5pm - 6:30pm:

[Application Link](#)

Mercedes- Benz Vehicle Technician Apprenticeship open evening 6, 7, 8 February 2024

[Click here](#) to find out more, and sign up for an evening

Sign up for an Apprenticeships Guide [here](#)

Download the parents/carers 2024 Apprenticeships support pack [here](#)

Sports Results

Y7 Boys Football vs JFK	A - Won 11-0 B - Lost 7-1
Y9 Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Won 9-1
Y11 Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Lost 2-1
Y9A Netball vs Hemel	Won 30-10
Y7 Boys Rugby vs Longdean	Won 6-5
Y7 Boys Football vs St Joan of Arc	Lost 2-1

To register your attendance for this course, please click the link below:

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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.

ASA News

TICKETS ON SALE - COMEDY & CURRY NIGHT - Friday 15th March

Don't miss out on this usually sold-out event, invite friends and family, and enjoy a great line-up of brilliant comedians whilst helping to raise funds for our school. Please like and follow our social media as well.

facebook.com/ashlynsfestival
instagram.com/ashlyns_festival/

www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk

ASA Volunteers meeting - Monday 5 February, 7pm - LRC

Now is a great time to find out more about the ASA and see if you would like to lend us some support. There are experienced teams and well-established processes in place for most of our big events, so the running of the ASA is in great shape, but we need to think about

Y10B & 8A Netball vs Astley Cooper	10B - Won 25-4 8A - Won 36-9
U13B Girls Football vs Laureate	Won 6-0
Y10B Boys Football vs Tring	TBC
Y7 Boys Football vs Northampton	TBC
Y8A Boys Football vs Hemel	TBC

planning for the future so that the ASA can continue to fund activities, equipment and experiences for our students.

Bag2School – 7 March

Just a reminder we shall be doing another clothing collection in March so start saving any donations. Details to follow nearer the time

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



[Eating Disorders FAQ](#)



[Men's Mental Health](#)



[All About Allergies](#)

We all want to encourage our children to stay healthy! From a good diet to personal hygiene, from sleeping habits to visits to the dentist, the topic of personal health offers plenty of knowledge and skills for children to learn before they reach adulthood. Our Tooled Up resources cover a wide range of health topics.

One of the first health routines that young children learn about is brushing their teeth! Our tips on [Young Children's Oral Health](#) can help you get them off to the right start. Watch our [Q&A](#) with dentist Peter McCarron who answers common questions about children's teeth, braces, brushes and more. If a child has a fear of attending the dentist, you might find this [video](#) very helpful.

Witnessing problems with children's eating at home? If they are fussy about their food, enjoy tips from dietician Anjanee Kholi [here](#). If you are worried about the early signs of disordered eating, this [FAQ](#) on eating disorders with Dr Sophie Nesbitt may help.

If you are an allergy parent, enjoy our [Allergies Webinar](#) with Professor Adam Fox. We subsequently invited him back for a [follow-up webinar](#) and have him booked in for a spring webinar on asthma (please get in touch with your questions).

For parents of slightly older children, our [Advice for Parenting Girls](#) during puberty can help you talk confidently about body changes, and anticipate some of the questions that will arise during that time. For positive ideas about supporting girls' physical health, this podcast on [Female Bodies and Women's Health](#) with physiologist Dr Emma Ross focuses on all things related to staying active and healthy.

We want to help parents of boys too: Professor of Psychology Charlotte Markey joined us for this [podcast](#) on boys' body image, and Dr Kathy Weston shared her perspective in a webinar on [Raising A Resilient Teen Boy](#).

Mums might be interested in our popular webinar with Dr Fionnuala Barton on the [menopause](#), and Dads might be interested in learning more about the importance and most prevalent issues of men's [mental health](#).

We often feature lived experiences within our platform. Laura Barrett, the author of Unconditional Love, recounts her experiences after her son was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. In this [podcast](#) she shares advice for any family coping with a difficult diagnosis and the prospect of time in hospital. Whatever is going on for you in family life, we are here for you.