



Next week, after Half Term- 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 [article](#) which outlines support for parents on how to keep children safe online, alongside information about new legislation in this area. We wish our students a safe and restful half term. Should you have any concerns please call Children's Services on 0300 123 4043.

Parents on Site

Please may we remind you that students should not be dropped/picked up at the back of the school between 8am and 4.20pm. All visitors need to sign in at reception and be accompanied whilst on site. This includes sporting fixtures where parents and carers should not be spectating until after 4.20pm. Thank you for your support with safeguarding our students.

School Travel

Following our communication last week regarding our collaboration with Hertfordshire County Council to reduce speed limits in the school's immediate and surrounding areas, we would like to highlight another opportunity to comment to Dacorum Council who are looking to identify walking and cycling routes of most importance to the community over the next 10 years. The aim is to make these routes more attractive and viable options than using a car. One of the primary routes highlighted includes Chesham Road, where it can be suggested that crossing points, verge cutback and improved lighting would be beneficial.

Please follow this [link](#) which is open until Friday 26 February.

The [consultation](#) to indicate your support for the proposals to reduce the speed limits around the school remains open until Monday 4 March.

Character Education

Following our work with Progressive Masculinity, this week we have discussed stereotyping and societal pressures on men and boys through media depictions of masculinity. Mr Preston, Head of PE, has led assemblies on this theme and discussed redefining, away from media expectations and representations, what being a good man in today's society might look like. This links to our character theme of the week in service.

Careers

Engineering

To celebrate World Engineering Day, [Dalkia UK](#) will be delivering an exciting careers in engineering and technology workshop on Monday 4 March at 10am in the LRC.

Dalkia is one of the largest technical and energy services providers in the UK working towards creating a sustainable net zero future. Students will get to meet Dalkia engineering professionals and gain an insight into the variety of

Key Dates

- 19-23 Feb: Half Term
- 27 Feb: Y12 UCAS Evening
- 29 Feb: Y10 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 5 March: Extended Learning Day
- 14 March: Y7 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

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

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
18611	18015	17848	18697
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st
16/02/2024			

Communications

- [Y13 Economics Revision](#)
- [Y13 Business Revision](#)
- [Y7 Parent-Teacher Consultation evening](#)
- [Y11 School Based Revision](#)
- [Y11 ELD](#)
- [Y13 PE Leave Permission](#)

Vacancies

- [Teacher of Technology](#)
- [Student Services Receptionist](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)
- [Second in Inclusion](#)
- [Finance Officer](#)
- [Student Support Worker](#)

Herts Parent-Carer Involvement

Webinar for parent carers of children with SEND. Please click [here](#) for details.

careers and routes into the engineering industry. This event is open to students in Year 9 and Year 10. If your child is interested in pursuing a career in engineering please register your interest [here](#). Please note, if the event is oversubscribed, places will be allocated via a random ballot. If you have already registered for this event, you do not need to do so again.

Apprenticeships

[Sir Robert McAlpine Careers - Accountant Apprentice \(2207\) \(srm.com\)](#)

[Sir Robert McAlpine Careers - Apprentice CAD Technician \(2208\) \(srm.com\)](#)

French Assistant

We are looking for a native French speaker to work with our Year 11 GCSE students. You will work with a small group of students asking questions from a defined list that the students must learn for their exam. It would be great if you could help our students expand their answers and help with their pronunciation. Please see [here](#) for details.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property at student reception including an array of water bottles, if your child is missing anything please ask them to check after half term. If students have borrowed any school equipment, Chromebooks, blazers, ties etc please could you check at home for any unreturned items and bring them to reception after half term, thank you.

Inter-house Orienteering

All students in years 7-10 will be taking part in an inter-house orienteering competition during their PE lessons in the first week back after half-term. The competition will take place on grass so please could students bring appropriate footwear that they wouldn't mind getting muddy.

Sports Results

Y9 Basketball vs Hemel	Lost 38-29
U13B Girls Football vs JFK	Lost 4-1
Y9B & 10A Netball vs Tring	9B - Lost 26-13 10A - Lost 30-10
U18A&B Boys Football vs Berkhamsted	U18A - U18B -
Y9B Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 5-0
Y7 Boys Football vs KLS	Lost 3-2
Y11 Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 2-0
Y10A Boys Football vs Hemel	Drew 1-1
Y8A vs Y8B Netball	8A won
Y7A&B Netball vs Tring	7A - 7B -

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to register for music lessons please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#). Music Lesson fees from September 2024 can be found [here](#).

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you are eligible to apply for Remission of Fees (means tested). Applications must be made and confirmed in writing before registering for any lessons. Please click [here](#) for more information and to make an application. New applications will open on the 1st March 2024.

Ashlyns School offers a Music Lesson Subsidy for any students taking GCSE or A' Level Music. For more information and any other queries please email Mrs Marval:

musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

ASA News

Comedy Night 15th March 2024

The last few tickets are still available for this hugely successful and fun evening so why not 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/ashlynsfestival

and purchase tickets from www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk

Bag2School

We are now able to collect your clothing donations ([please see flyer](#)) from Monday 19th February until Wednesday March 6th. Please drop your donations at 30 Oakwood, Berkhamsted, HP4 3NQ.

Extended Learning Day - Tuesday 5th March

Our second Extended Learning Day (ELD) will take place all day on Tuesday 5th March. Students will be 'off timetable' and have a day that will help them to extend their learning in a particular topic/area. The list below gives an overview of what will be covered:

Year 7 - Visit to the Science Museum

Year 8 - Learning about the history of the school (Humanities)

Year 9 - Work Shadowing

Year 10 - PSHE

Year 11 - Exams

Year 12 - Careers and Apprenticeships

Year 13 - Study Day

ASA 100 CLUB

This is a great way to raise money for Ashlyns with a chance to win a prize. Anyone can buy one or more numbers in our monthly draw. Each number is £2 per month or £24 a year, half of this money is used for 3 cash prizes and half to the ASA. You have to be in to win, so sign up today to be in the next draw. Email ASA100CLUB@gmail.com for more info.

Congratulations to the winners of the December draw:

1st prize - V Warr

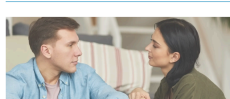
2nd prize - E Jelf

3rd prize - A Burnell-Smith

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Healthy and Unhealthy Behaviour in Teen Romantic Relationships



The Importance of Connection for Couples



Supporting Your Child Through Friendship Difficulties

It's Valentine's Day, and the topic of relationships is in the air!

Even from an early age we can set our children on the path to healthy and happy relationships throughout their lives. We can help them consider how they relate to others, beginning with brothers, sisters and friends. Perhaps they want to [celebrate their sibling](#) or use our friendship [quiz](#) to think about what makes a good friend? In our [podcast](#) with Professor Robin Banerjee, he discusses the fascinating connections between peer relationships, kindness and wellbeing.

Being a good friend means respecting boundaries, which is why we produced this [resource](#) for young pupils to learn about body boundaries. At the other extreme, we explore 'rough and tumble' play in this [podcast](#) with Professor Peter Smith and Dr Jennifer St George, and the surprising role it plays in developing resilience and emotional intelligence.

In terms of future-proofing children, we want them to develop strong relational skills as they grow and develop. For starters, we can model and encourage them to be emotion scientists rather than emotion judges. Learn about this approach in our [podcast](#) with Professor Marc Brackett, and use this [resource](#) to draw younger children's attention to these concepts. A version for older children can be found [here](#).

From the primary school years, we can host strong foundational chats about our bodies, ensuring that our children understand how their bodies work and have good information around appropriate touch. If you are unsure where to begin, try these [Ten Tips for Parents](#) or tune into this [webinar](#) on the importance of such conversations.

For the parents of teens, friendship challenges, dating dilemmas and distinguishing between [healthy and](#)

[unhealthy relationships](#) are normally top priorities. As teenagers grow into themselves and find their place in the world, friendship difficulties are common throughout adolescence. Our brand new [resource](#) offers a template for supporting your child through friendship problems that can build a teen's confidence.

Valentine's Day offers us a chance to talk about love in general and to talk about what it isn't. We have a host of material within Tooled Up by cybercrime expert, Dr Lisa Suguira on topics such as online gender based [violence](#), revenge [pornography](#), and the growth of online [misogyny](#).

As parents, we are important role models for the interpersonal relationships that children form. Sustaining connection is the topic of choice in this [webinar](#) with relationship therapist Sue Wintgens. For those considering separation, Dr Reenee Singh provides some useful tips [here](#) to minimise any impact on children.