



Next week, after Easter- Week 1/A

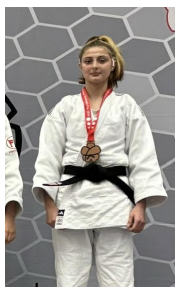
Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Safeguarding

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and parents/carers a happy and safe Easter holiday. Should you have any concerns over the holiday period please call children's service on 0300 123 4043 or visit the following [website](#).

Student Achievement

Well done to Zhaklin, Y10, who represented team GB at one of the hardest Judo competitions in the world, winning a Bronze medal. The dedication and determination that goes into competing at this level is inspiring to the whole school community.



East of England Ambulance Service Training Video

Ashlyns School are proud to work closely with the NHS, providing a venue for their important services to our community such as regular blood donor sessions. This week we had the pleasure of hosting the team from EEAST and Magneto Films to film their training video for a cardiac arrest scenario with a very life-like mannequin! We were also delighted to be able to provide some on-set experience for a couple of Y12 students who were interested in medicine and film as potential career paths.



Parent Governor Election

Voting is open for the Parent Governor Election, please click [here](#) for the letter containing personal statements for the candidates and the link to the voting form.

Key Dates

- 15 April: First Day of New Term
- 16 April: Y10 Assessment Week
- 20-21 April: Bronze D of E Practice Weekend
- 25 April: Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 6 May: Bank Holiday

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

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
27224	26220	26158	27360
2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st
28/03/2024			

Communications

- [Parent Governor Election](#)
- [End of Term Letter](#)

Vacancies

Teaching

- [Teacher of English](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)

Support

- [Teaching Assistant](#)
- [Exam Invigilator](#)

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons for the Autumn Term (September) please email SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by Monday 13th May.

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

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you are eligible to apply for Remission of Fees. Application must be

Character

Continuing our journey of community awareness, we've taken a moment to celebrate outstanding character strengths in our student body this week. During our assembly, we honoured individuals with character awards who have made exceptional contributions to our school community, showcasing the importance of empathy, kindness, and leadership in shaping a vibrant and inclusive environment for all at Ashlyns School. Well done.

Raising Achievement Programme

As our Year 11 students prepare to embark on their Easter break, it's crucial to emphasise the significance of this time for their academic journey. With exams looming closely upon our return, let's encourage our Year 11 cohort to utilise this break wisely for revision and preparation. Every moment counts as they strive towards their academic goals, and by dedicating themselves to focused study during this break, they'll be setting themselves up for success in their upcoming exams. Let's support and motivate them to make the most of this opportunity to consolidate their learning and maximise their potential. A very large number of Year 11 students have signed up to Easter revision sessions and we look forward to welcoming them into school next week. Thank you to our staff who give up time in their holidays to run these sessions for our students.

Year 12 and 13 Theatre Trip

Yesterday evening the English department took a group of Year 12 and 13 English Literature students to see 'The Duchess of Malfi' at the Sam Wanamaker Theatre on the South Bank. All involved very much enjoyed what is an incredible production, and it has been very beneficial in our study of the play. The students were, as always, a credit to the school.

Careers

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

Work experience (for Years 12/13 students)

The final application window of the academic year opens from 1 – 7 April: students can find out details and access the link to apply on the webpage [BrigHT Futures @BHT](#).

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust invites you to ... [Discover careers in biomedical science - Thursday 27 June](#)

London Med Summer School

NHS England's free online London Med Schools Summer Programme 2024 are now open. This programme is for Year 12 students living in England (outside of Greater London), who have only attended non-selective state schools since age 11 and are currently studying A-level biology and chemistry: [see more information and get details on how to apply](#).

Construction

Join West Herts College and HOP for the HOP Into Construction Taster Day on **Tuesday 9 April** at West Herts College **Hemel Hempstead Campus**.

This Taster Day is open to anyone aged 14-18 and is an opportunity to join CITB, Bam, Willmott Dixon and Morgan Sindall Construction, AVV Solutions for an informative session on career paths in the construction sector. Gain valuable insight and knowledge as well as a practical taster in Plumbing or Electrical or both. Please click [here](#) for more information.

made before registering for any lessons. Please click [here](#) for more information and to make an application.

ASA News

Save the Date:

12 July Comedy & Curry

13 July Saturday Night Fever (70s/80s Disco)

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 February draw:

1st prize - J Spiers

2nd prize - N Gaitskell

3rd prize - L Jarvis

Sports Results

Y7 Boys Rugby Tournament	4th and 5th
Y9 Boys Football vs Verulam	Won 5-1
Y9 Netball Cup Final	Won 44-7
Y10 Netball Cup Final	Lost

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



The Importance of Fun



75 Things To Do Outside



School Holiday Planner

As Easter approaches, many of us are heading for a break from the daily routine of school and into some welcome family time, hopefully with some better weather and a chance to recharge ahead of the long summer term, exams, sports days and more! At Tooled Up we want to help you adjust to the change of pace and make the most of the spring break.

Our [School Holiday Planner](#) is a great way to kick things off by giving everyone in the family the chance to contribute and suggest activities. While you're making plans, find out about the importance of fun for child development in this [podcast](#) by Dr Mimi Tatlow-Golden of The Open University. Our [Holiday Manifesto](#) will prompt a useful discussion about making the most of family time.

Call us optimistic but one nice thing about having a break at this time of year is the promise of better weather! There's no better time to get out into nature and our list of [75 Things To Do Outside](#) offers plenty of suggestions for curious and active young minds. If you're lucky enough to get to the coast, our Beach Science activities for [primary aged](#) and [teenage](#) children will get them paddling into rockpools and learning at the same time. This is also a great time for a safety refresher from our [Water Safety](#) resource.

If you're going abroad, remember our packing checklists for [children](#) and [adults](#) and avoid nasty surprises on arrival!

When your family time finally reaches its end, and you gear up for a return to normality, don't forget our [list](#) of things to talk about before school returns, which will help you and your children get into the right mindset before stepping back through the school gates.

Our programme of live events continues throughout the Spring!

[When Children and Young People Struggle to Attend School - How Schools and Parents Can Work Together: April 19th, 10:30am GMT](#)

Panel discussion on attendance with Ellie Costello, director of [Square Peg](#), and educational psychologist Dr Jerricah Holder.

[Reaching Girls Early: Proactive Approaches for Mental Health, Appearance Anxiety and Body Dissatisfaction: April 26th, 09:30am GMT](#)

Online conference with a panel of expert speakers on boosting girls' wellbeing and achievement.