



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 an important [article](#) that alerts parents to the dangers of children being added to malicious whatsapp groups.

Y10 Assessment Week

Year 10's first trial exam series finished today; the year group (and their parents!) should be so proud of how they have approached these exams, the revision and work they have done, and their impeccable conduct throughout as they learned the routines and processes of a formal exam series. We hope they have a restful weekend; they deserve it.

Parent Governor Election

Further to the ballot which closed this week, Paula Williamson has been elected as the school's new Parent Governor. The Governing Body would like to thank all candidates who stood for election and look forward to welcoming Paula to the Board.

Raising Achievement Programme

With the GCSE exams on the horizon we can pause to acknowledge the effort of our incredible year 11 students. This cohort have demonstrated unwavering dedication and commitment to their studies. We commend each and every one of them for their hard work and perseverance thus far. As they enter this final phase of preparation, we encourage our Year 11 cohort to remain steadfast in their resolve. Stay focused, stay resilient, and embrace the challenges ahead with confidence. Your determination and resilience will carry you through these last crucial weeks. Remember, you've already accomplished so much, and your efforts will undoubtedly pave the way for success. Keep pushing forward, Year 11.

Careers

We are currently preparing for our Year 10 students to go out on work experience June 10th to June 14th. Students have used the Unifrog platform to secure and upload their placements. Students, employers, parents/guardians and finally Mr Roberts all have documents to complete as part of this process. Most students have secured placements at this stage but it is imperative that both employers and parents have completed their consent forms so these placements can be signed off. Please contact Mr Roberts if you are having any issues or need any further support at roberts@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Extra Curricular Clubs

Please click [here](#) for a timetable of the PE extra-curricular lunchtime and after school clubs.

Key Dates

- 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 3](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
28899	28100	28257	28684
1 st	4 th	3 rd	2 nd
19/04/2024			

Communications

- [Y11 Exams and Study Leave](#)

Vacancies Support

- [Cover Supervisor](#)

ASA News

ASHLYNS FESTIVAL COMEDY & CURRY NIGHT
- Friday 12th July -
TICKETS ON SALE!

The Festival Team are thrilled to announce the line-up for this summer's Comedy Night - our most amazing line-up to date! DO NOT MISS OUT - this is always a sell-out event. See our flyer [here](#), [website](#) and social media pages for our Comedy line-up and ticket shop link.

ASHLYNS FESTIVAL SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER
- Saturday 13th July - **SAVE THE DATE!**

More details are coming soon for our 70s/80s disco

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

theme social event but rest assured there'll be live bands, our resident DJ Grant and a disco glitter ball! Dress code: 70s/80s (optional). A great way to celebrate the end of the school year.

LIKE and FOLLOW our social media pages to get the latest updates.

ASA meeting

Our last meeting of this academic year will be held on 1 May at 7pm in the LRC. We will be discussing the appointment of a new Chair as well as considering five new funding bids from the school. This includes the possibility of providing a new sound or lighting system for the new drama space.

Please come along and have your say.

New2you uniform

If you have good quality uniform that your children have grown out of, please consider donating it to the ASA for resale. Many families use this service for both financial and environmental reasons. We are particularly short of blazers, skirts and ties, but Ashlyns branded PE items are also very welcome.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Peer Pressure Tips



Social Media Use and Cyberbullying



Treating others kindly (teens)

Friendships and forming peer relationships are critical aspects of children's social and emotional development. As parents, we hope that our children surround themselves with a supportive group of friends who will be important allies in their journey through school and beyond. Of course, things aren't always so simple!

We recommend thinking about family values regarding treatment of others as a good starting point. Our activities on Treating Others Kindly – for both [younger](#) and [older](#) children – can help initiate conversations.

Friendship troubles are an inevitable part of growing up. For primary-aged children, these [reflective questions](#) for parents can help you think through your child's friendships and consider ways forward. Use our friendship [quiz](#) with your child to help them talk about the qualities of a good friend.

Teens and parents might dip into this [activity](#) to use as a template for working through friendship difficulties in school. You might also explore these quick [tips](#) for helping teens navigate peer pressure.

We'd all love to keep our children sheltered from bullying, but it isn't always possible. Professor James O'Higgins Norman of Dublin University, Director of the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre, joined us for this podcast on tackling [bullying](#), while Canadian researchers Professor William Pickett and Professor Wendy Craig shared their findings and advice on [cyberbullying](#).

This [podcast](#) on social connectedness discusses the role that positive relationships play in children's lives by mitigating the worst effects of cyberbullying. By developing our children's sense of self in the world, self-esteem and belonging, we can help them develop the resilience required to manage life's ups and downs. Try using this [resource](#) to encourage personal reflection on one's assets or use our [belonging journal](#) to help kick-start family conversations on where we feel accepted.

Remember that Tooled Up is here to guide you on all aspects of parenting and family life. Click on our [support](#) button to tell us what you need.