



## Next week- 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

Please find a useful [link](#) to parentzone who have released resources and guidance to support conversations and provide information about cyber security for young people.

## Revised Timings of The School Day

During the exam season we alter the timings of the day to reduce noise around the Main Hall and exam rooms. Please see below for the new timings.

Revised timings for the school day  
Wednesday 08/05/23 – Friday 21/6/24

8.35 - 8.50	AM Registration & Tutor Time
8.55 - 9.55	Period 1
10.00 - 11.00	Period 2
11.00 - 11.20	Break
11.20 - 12.20	Period 3
12.20 - 1.10	Lunch
1.15 - 2.15	Period 4
2.20 - 3.20	Period 5

## Character

This week we have continued to explore the character theme of resilience. We are introducing the concept of antifragility which includes the theory that small setbacks and the lessons we learn from them can actually make us stronger in the long run.

## GCSE and A Level Examinations

Our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers' days were emotional and events this week where we celebrated both year groups' time at Ashlyns before the summer examination period. Year 11 began their examinations yesterday with excellent focus and determination, and Year 13 begin theirs next week.

A reminder that Year 11 students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times for their examinations.

## Youth Sports Survey- Girls Active

As part of the ongoing development of school sport, and in particular girls' sport, students will shortly be asked to complete a short survey so we can gain more of an insight of sporting behaviour and attitude of all students within our school.

Further information can be found here: [YST Girls Active Survey](#)

If you wish for your child to opt out of the survey they simply need not complete it.

## Key Dates

- 18 May: DofE Bronze Expedition
- 23 May: Summer Chill Concert
- 27 May: Half Term

## Next Week New Spring Lunch Menu: Week 2

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
32644	32447	32126	31899
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
10/05/2024			

## Vacancies Support

- [Cover Supervisor](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)
- [Teacher of Drama](#)

## HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons for the Autumn Term (September '24) please email

[SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) by **Monday 13th May**.

## Understanding Autism and ADHD Resources and Workshops

[The Toolbox](#) from Mindler is a dedicated webpage specifically focussing on ADHD and Autism support for children and young people.

[Understanding my Autism/ADHD](#) offers a range of workshops aimed at children and young people in Hertfordshire aged 7-16 years with a diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, or both.

## World Challenge - additional opportunity to fundraise

There is an opportunity for our World Challenge students to add a bit more to their fundraising pots with the chance to run the soft drink and snacks refreshment stall at the upcoming Ashlyns Summer Concert on Saturday 29th June. More details on the pinned document in your World Challenge Google Classroom.

## Summer Health

Hay fever season has started; if your child suffers with this please make sure they have had their medication before they come to school. As the warmer weather sets in please also ensure children wear hats at break, apply sunscreen before school and have their water bottles with them each day.

## Sports Results

U15 Cricket vs St Edmunds	Won
Y9 Cricket vs Beaumont	Won
U13 Girls Tennis vs St Helen's	Won
County League Athletics	U14B - 4th U14G - 3rd U16B - 3rd U16G - 5th
Y7B Boys County Cup Football Final vs Richard Hale	TBC
Y7 Cricket vs Monk's Walk	TBC

## ASA News

### Ashlyns Festival

#### Saturday Night Fever - Tickets Now On Sale!

Celebrate the start of summer at our summer party, with a live band and DJ spinning your favourite tracks from the 70s and 80s. Photobooth and snacks. £12. Saturday 13th July

#### Comedy & Curry Night - Friday 12th July

Tickets are selling fast for one of the best line-ups we've had so far, so grab them while you can.

Tickets for both events here: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/ticket/fpgCVp2jqr>

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Beach Science: Teens



Interview with Ella Podmore



Philosophy For Children  
Webinar

### At Toolled Up, we believe in expertise.

So this week we're asking, how can we prepare our children to be the experts of the future, and how do we support them in areas where we might not be experts ourselves?

Building the experts of the future begins with cultivating their curiosity from a young age. Toolled Up offers packs featuring fabulous scientific questions to get young minds thinking, complete with answers for grown-ups to discuss. These [20 Questions for Bathtime](#) are written for younger children, while our [Learning Through Intrigue](#) and [Questions For The Car](#) activities will suit all ages. These [Questions For Curious Teens](#) are more representative of matters related to senior-school science or those taking GCSEs.

You can also bring a bit of science investigation into your next holiday with our Beach Science activities for [primary-aged children](#) and [teens](#).

Who better to engage young people in discussions about all the things you can 'do' with science, than a supercar engineer? Ella Podmore (MBE) answers parents' and pupils' questions in this inspiring [podcast](#).

Once your children are hooked on all things science, follow up with this [book list](#) of accessible and informative science books for children: perfect for the library of the young scientists and engineers in your home.

Do you know that one of the greatest levers for academic achievement is the quality of dialogue in our homes? Do you know that great questions can open up children's thinking? So, how do we do that? Emma Leeson is going to talk us through some ideas in this webinar on [Philosophy for Children](#), on **May 20th, 19:00 BST**. Emma will be sharing ways to philosophise at home and modelling how to have stimulating conversations with children in multiple ways! Not to be missed!