



## 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 [link](#) that provides parents with support on keeping your children safe online through parental controls for a variety of different consoles including iPads and iPhones, Android tablets, Xbox and Playstation.

## Summer Concert

Our Summer Music Concert will be held on Saturday 29 June 6.30pm. Tickets are £13 and available on ParentPay now. The ASA will be providing a licenced bar on the night.

## Character

This week's character theme is empathy, a vital quality that allows us to understand and share the feelings of others. By practising empathy, we build stronger relationships, foster a supportive community, and create an environment where everyone feels valued and heard. Empathy helps us appreciate the experiences and emotions of those around us, leading to a more compassionate and connected school.

## Empathy Challenge for Years 7-10

To encourage the practice of empathy, we are excited to announce the Empathy Challenge for students in Years 7-10. This competition, hosted on Google Classroom, offers four unique challenges designed to help students step into someone else's shoes and experience their perspective. We encourage all students to participate and parents to support their children in this valuable endeavour.

Parents, please log into Google Classroom with your children to view the details of the Empathy Challenge. Your involvement and encouragement will make a significant difference in their participation and understanding of empathy.

## LRC Empathy Day Reading List

The LRC has an excellent selection of books to celebrate Empathy Day that have been chosen for their power to improve key empathy skills, but they also offer rich insights into other people's feelings and life experiences. The list, which can be found [here](#), offers books from a range of different genres. All the books are available to borrow from the LRC.

## School Travel

We are delighted to have been awarded a Good Travel Plan accreditation from Modeshift STARS for the second year running in recognition of our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. Thank you to all members of our community who are opting for sustainable travel methods.

## Key Dates

- 10 June: Y10 Work Experience Week
- 29 June: Summer Concert
- 9 July: Sports Day
- 10 July: Reserve Sports Day
- 17 July: Activity Day
- 18 July: Activity Day
- 19 July: End of Term, 12.30 finish

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

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
34478	34412	34947	34642
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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## Vacancies

- [Science Technician](#)

## DSPL8

Dacorum Families SEND information fayre will be held Thursday 20 June 2-4.30 at Bennetts End Community Centre. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## ASA News

### Year 11 Uniform and Equipment Donations

We urgently need donations of good quality uniform and PE kit and would ask in particular if parents and carers of Year 11 students could bring to reception uniform and kit which is no longer used. These items are sold by the ASA at very low prices for families who need them and for many who buy New2You clothing for

## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

This week more than 80 of our Year 10s have headed off to the Cotswolds on their three day practice DoE expedition: they are all having a lovely time!



## Student Achievement

Congratulations to Jack R, Y7, who won silver in the British trampolining championships in Wales last weekend having previously won a bronze at regional level. An amazing achievement, well done!

## Sports Results

U13 Girls & U15 Boys Tennis vs DAO	U13G - Won U15B - Lost
U13 Boys Tennis vs KLS	Won
U15 Boys Tennis V KLS	Won
Boys Nicola Mabbit Tennis Tournament	U15 Winners

sustainable and environmental reasons.

Working with the school, we are expanding the list of items we collect for resale to include scientific calculators, unused or barely used revision guides, school bags and English texts. As your child approaches the end of their exams, it is the perfect opportunity to have a sort out and pass on items which will benefit others in the school community. Thank you.

## Summer Concert

The ASA will be providing a licenced bar at the School Summer Concert on 29 June. Volunteers are required to help set up, serve at and set down the bar so if you could please spare an hour or two please sign up on the [attached link](#). Your help as always is most appreciated

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



20 Scientific Questions



Importance Of Dinnertime Conversations



Supporting Your Child To Step Away From Harmful Talk

This week at Tooled Up we're talking about talking! The *quality* of conversations we have with our children can play a huge role in their development and wellbeing. Family talk offers children the chance to open up their thinking, to help navigate emotional or social challenges, and can enhance their oracy and academic abilities. We have a number of interesting resources to support family chat.

Our recent [webinar](#) with the philosophy charity SAPERE is now available. Led by trainer Emma Leeson, this webinar explains what it's like to philosophise and is aimed at any parent who is curious about the power of philosophical conversations with their children.

Developing children's intellectual curiosity is key to unlocking their learning potential. We have questions galore for you to mull over within family life: [20 Scientific Questions](#) to ask children and teens or activities like [Learning Through Intrigue](#) that encourage an interest in the world around us.

One of the optimal times to chat to our children is around the dinner table. In this short [video](#) entitled 'Dinnertime Debriefs', Dr Weston explains the role that dinnertime conversations can play in boosting children's resilience, wellbeing and academic attainment. Researcher Mishika Mehrotra produced this [podcast](#) for Tooled Up on her work exploring the links between conversation and children's development: benefits that go well beyond literacy

and oracy and into mental function and “school-readiness”. If you get stuck for conversation ideas, here are [65 Topics](#) to work your way through!

Of course, we also need to be aware that some talk can be harmful. As well as the way we talk to our own children, we need to think about the ways they communicate with one other. These tips from psychologist, Dr Elly Hanson will help you tackle [Harmful Talk](#) in children’s peer groups. Use these [activities](#) about being a positive bystander, or “upstander”; we need our children to be able to comfortably challenge poor behaviour in peers when they see or hear it.