



## 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

PIER (Policing Institute for the Eastern Region) and IWF (Internet Watch Foundation) have written a blog post for parents about how they can better understand their children's online world and its risks. The blog post can be found [here](#).

## Y11 and Y13 Exams

The examination period for Year 13 and Year 11 drew to a close this week; the students conducted themselves impeccably throughout and should be proud of how they maintained their focus through a long exam season. We wish them all (and their families!) a restful weekend.

## Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary

Congratulations to Sonny D (Yr7) and Freya M (Yr7) who are the successful applicants of the Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary. There were 12 brilliant applications and it was a very difficult decision for Ms Mabey. However, she wishes all the applicants luck in their onward drumming future and would encourage you to apply again next year if still interested.

## Feminista UK Action Award

The school has been recognised for some of our equalities work with an Action Award by UK Feminista, a charity working to help end sexism and sexual harassment in schools. These awards recognise outstanding work done by schools in combating sexism and sexual harassment. The judges were particularly complimentary about the work we have done with Progressive Masculinity, which focuses not only on ideas around masculinity in the modern world but also on the direct link between those ideas and behaviour towards women and girls.



## LRC

This week our Year 7 and 8 Book Club students went to Bushey Meads School to participate in the Carnegie Medal book award celebrations. Students have been reading eight shortlisted books since March and the event included meeting the award-winning poet Karl Nova and discussing the books with other students from Dacorum schools.

## Key Dates

- 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 1](#)

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
37009	36484	37596	37070
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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## Vacancies

- [Science Technician](#)
- [Reprographics Administrator](#)
- [Safeguarding and Pastoral Support Officer](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)

## Summer Activities

Please click [here](#) for information on the HCC Services for Young People holiday activity programme in Hemel Hempstead.

## Free Journaling for Wellbeing Workshop

Please click [here](#) for more information on a journaling workshop coming up in Hemel Hempstead.

## ASA News

### Summer Concert

The ASA will be providing a licenced bar at the School Summer Concert on 29 June. Volunteers are required to

Our students were a credit to Ashlyns with one student commenting: 'It was such a lovely day! We met an inspiring and funny author, listened to and wrote many poems, read lots of outstanding books and did it all with an amazing and creative group of people.'

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

### Y10 Work Experience Week

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who completed a week of work experience last week. Placements varied greatly across a huge range of sectors and both students and employers have been incredibly positive about the experience; students have learned a great deal not just about possible careers but also about the world of work.

### Ashlyns Festival

#### Last Chance for Saturday Night Fever, 13th July 7.30pm

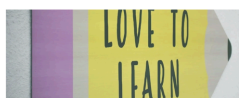
If you missed out on the sell-out Comedy Night, why not get together with friends, get your dancing shoes on, and come and enjoy our end-of-term summer social. With a live band playing all the best hits from the 70s/80s, and our very DJ spinning tracks (including some classic house) , a photo booth, snacks and a licensed bar - do not miss out again!! We need to sell enough tickets to make this event viable, so if you're thinking about it, we urge you to buy your tickets **by this Sunday**, as it would be a huge shame to have to cancel after all the hard work that's gone into this vital fundraiser - raising funds to enrich the lives of our students. Thank you.

<https://ashlynsfestival.co.uk/>

### Sports Results

U13 Girls County Cricket Tournament	Runners Up
Y9 Cricket vs Knight's Templar	Won
Y7 Cricket vs KLS	Lost
U15 Girls County Cricket Tournament	Winners
Y9&10 Girls District Cup Rounders	Y9 - 1st and 2nd Y10 - 2nd
Y10 Cricket vs Hemel	Lost by two runs

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



Things to Talk About Before School Returns



Settling In Journal



Supporting Your Child As They Start University

As summer finally arrives, the end of the academic year is approaching and many families are thinking about change and transition. After the relaxation – we hope! – of the summer break, many young people will take their first steps into school, move up into the next stage of their education, or possibly move out of the family home for the first time.

Tooled Up can help to make these step changes easier for everyone in the family with a range of articles and activities all on the topic of transition.

All of the titles in our [list](#) of 20 books about starting school can help you talk to young children about the experience of going to school for the first time: what to expect, the grown-ups who will be helping them, the emotions they might experience and the new friends they could make

For children in the lower end of primary school, our “I’m Moving Up A Year” [activity](#) encourages children to think about how change makes them feel, what they’re excited about and what might make them feel a bit wobbly!

Primary to Secondary transition holds its own challenges. For children who have seven years in the routine and security of primary school behind them, moving to the much bigger, busier and more socially complex environment of secondary school can seem overwhelming. Listen to these [5 top tips](#) by Dr Kathy Weston on supporting primary to secondary transition, and remember that what we as parents are worried about might not be the same as what our children are worried about. The [Settling In Journal](#) can be completed during the first few weeks of secondary school to encourage good habits, celebrate positive steps and ask the right questions about their new setting.

For any family with school-age children, our [10 Things](#) every family should talk about before schools go back will allow you to address wobbles, set expectations and boundaries and help prepare children to pick up where they left off. If your children have finally reached the end of school and are preparing for university, read through these [tips](#) on supporting their transition to student life.

Of course, it isn’t just school that marks the different points of transition in family life. What about [tips](#) to support children as they welcome a new baby into their lives and become a sibling? Or, for one of the most challenging transitions for all the family, our [Moving House Checklist](#) to stop you from forgetting anything crucial in the big move?