



## 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](#) which informs parents and carers about the signs and dangers of exploitation.

## Contact Details

To ensure you receive all communications from the school please keep your contact details up to date with us. You can change your details yourself via Arbor or email [admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

## Lockers

If your child left any items in their locker last term they have the opportunity to collect these on Monday and Wednesday next week from the main hall at lunch break. All the items were bagged up and labelled with the locker number so please ensure your child knows their old locker number.

ILS still has lockers available. If you would like to book one for your child, please go to [ilsschools.co.uk](http://ilsschools.co.uk). Please note ILS is a separate entity to the school and all dealings should be direct with ILS.

## New Staff

Please click [here](#) for a full staff list as mentioned in the Headteacher's welcome back letter.

## PE Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please click [here](#) for the timetable of PE clubs at lunch and after school. The full extra-curricular club timetable will be finalised shortly.

## Y7 Boys Football

If your child is interested in getting involved with the teams this year and wish to be considered, please ask them to join the Google Classroom to find the information about the two trial sessions happening next week. If they have any questions please ask them to find Mr Young in the PE Office. **GC Code: yrt2fs2**

## Music Lessons

Music Lessons will start **w/c Monday 9th September**. The lessons take place in the Practice Rooms in the Music Block. Lesson timetables can be found [here](#) and on the Music Block notice board. It is the responsibility of students to go to their lessons on time.

If you have any queries regarding the lessons or timetables please email [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) or alternatively speak to your music teacher directly.

You can register for music lessons [here](#).

## Key Dates

- 10 Sept: Dr Van Der Spoel Y11 Parent Session
- 11 Sept: Y12 Parents' Support & Information Evening
- 18 Sept: Y13 Elevate & Finance Evening
- 19 Sept: Y10 Parents' Support & Information Evening
- 26 Sept: Y8 Parents' Support & Information Evening
- 3 Oct: Open Evening, school closed to students 12.30
- 4 Oct: INSET, school closed to students

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

## Communications

- [Start of Term Letter](#)

## ASA News

For the benefit of new parents, the ASA is our parent teacher association and the aim of the ASA is to bring together parents/carers in fun activities, like quiz nights, comedy and curry nights and to raise valuable funds for the school. In the last academic year we contributed over £30k worth of funding which was spent on new equipment and services that benefitted all the pupils which could not have been funded by existing school budgets. The ASA is run by parents/carers on a voluntary basis and everyone is welcome to participate in the events or the running of the ASA with as much or as

## Careers

### Bucks NHS Open Day: Saturday 14 September

Explore behind the scenes and find out about healthcare careers at the annual Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Open Day:

- Saturday 14 September 2024 from 9.15am – 2pm at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
- Join hospital tours: National Spinal Injuries Centre, Ophthalmology, Pathology, Radiology, Theatres, Simulation Suite, Mortuary and more
- Meet clinical teams and join in activities
- [Find out more and book tours](#) – additional tickets available on the day if advance tickets are fully booked

### Book tickets to discover careers in nursing and midwifery: Thursday 14 November

Thinking of a career in nursing or midwifery? Book on Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust's after-school talk to hear NHS professionals talk about their real-life experiences, explore different career pathways and find out which role is right for you. Male colleagues share why these careers are equally a great choice for men.

- **Who:** Students in Years 7 and above – bring a friend or family member
- **Where:** In person career talk at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
- **When:** 5 - 7pm Thursday 14 November
- [Find out more and book free tickets – Discover careers in nursing and midwifery – Stoke Mandeville Hospital \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

little as time as you wish. If you would like to be included in direct communications about the ASA, please drop us an email at [asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk); otherwise we post weekly updates in this part of the bulletin.

Our next meeting and AGM is on the 15th October, more details to come, but please do join us if you can. All views and suggestions for events are very welcome.

### ASA 100 Club

Our private lottery 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.

To sign up, please email: [ASA100CLUB@gmail.com](mailto:ASA100CLUB@gmail.com) for more info.

More information about the association will be posted in the coming weeks.

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston: School PIN 4989



Mindset Planner



Dinnertime Debriefs



Getting Children Senior School-Ready

We hope all our Tooled Up families and their children are settling back into school life and enjoying the transition to new years, new teachers, new stages and new challenges!

Is this your first school year as a Tooled Up member? Make sure you check out our new [Site Tour video](#) to get familiar with everything Tooled Up has to offer.

You can begin the new year by exploring our wealth of resources relating to transition [here](#), including our webinar series on getting children [nursery school-ready](#), [primary school-ready](#) and [senior school-ready](#). Download our [Settling In Journal](#) for older students beginning their senior journey.

Each September we all try to re-establish the routines and organisation skills that might have slipped over the summer break! The [Back to School Checklist](#) is a useful list to check equipment, and this [Weekly Planner](#) helps timetable homework. Our [Mindset Planner](#) offers teens a template for thinking through the ups and downs of each week, what went well, and where help might be needed in the days to come.

At Tooled Up we believe that talking is one of the foundations of a healthy family life. In this [podcast](#), Dr Kathy Weston talks to Dr Neil Mercer about the importance of oracy, and how parents can help in developing children's speaking and listening skills. And here is researcher Mishika Mehrotra's [podcast](#) on her work exploring the links between conversation and children's development.

One of the best times to chat to our children is around the dinner table. We love this video on [Dinnertime Debriefs](#) and the role that dinnertime conversations can play in boosting children's resilience, wellbeing and academic attainment. If you ever get stuck for conversation ideas, here are [65 Topics](#) to work your way through. We love to get even the youngest members of the family talking, and our [Questions for Bathtime](#) can help with that.

Of course, one important use for family talk is in wellbeing. Our [family audit template](#) provides plenty of prompts to get healthy and open discussions started, and you can read these [tips on having difficult conversations](#) at home.

The words that we use when talking to our children matter greatly. We spoke to the founders of the charity Words Matter in this [podcast](#), which explores the impact that verbal abuse can have on children and how we can use words to boost self-esteem and self-worth.. Dr Kathy Weston explores this theme further in this week's [Wednesday Wisdom](#).