



Next week, after half term- 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

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our school community a happy and safe half term. Should you have any concerns about a child over the half term period please do contact the police or children's services on 0300 123 4043.

Ashlyns Careers Expo

We're thrilled to share that this year's Careers Expo was a huge success! Students from all year groups demonstrated remarkable preparation, bringing insightful and career-specific questions that impressed the exhibitors. Their professionalism and character shone through in every interaction, leaving our visitors with a lasting, positive impression of Ashlyns students. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day such a success!

Year 7 LRC Great British Book Bake Off

On Monday 18 November the LRC is hosting our annual Year 7 Great British Book Bake Off where students can bring in a book themed cake they have made at home to be in with a chance of winning prizes and House points. Half-term is a great time for students to get creative and start planning their cakes before the big day. This is one of our most popular events of the year and we are looking forward to receiving lots of entries and turning the LRC into the Bake Off tent for the day.

Music Lessons

Due to the building work taking place in the Music Block, the Peri Music Lessons will be relocated to another building after half term w/c 4th November. Students will need to go to the Hut which is next to the Gravel Car Park around the back of the school. The Music Block Notice Board with timetables will be situated on the outside of the Hut.

Any queries regarding this please see Mrs Marval in the Front Office or email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

School Canteen

Our school caterers, Culinera, are excited to launch their new Autumn / Winter menu which will go live on 4 November. The menu includes the ever popular Roast Wednesday and Fish 'n' Chip Friday, along with new seasonal based dishes keeping all the ingredients fresh. The three week menu, which will be available to view in the next few days via the Culinera pages on the school website, will run until April 2025. We hope the students are encouraged to try the delicious new dishes and any feedback is always welcome to our Executive Chef.

Key Dates

- 28 Oct-1 Nov: Half Term
- 6 Nov: Autumn Chill Concert
- 7 Nov: Y12 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 17 Nov: ASA Craft Fair

Next Week New Autumn/Winter Lunch Menu: Week 1

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
9157	8592	10164	9475
3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd
25/10/2024			

Communications

- [A Level Languages Revision Session](#)
- [World Challenge 2026](#)
- [Year 13 Exam Timetable – December 2024](#)
- [Year 13 Trials Revision Topic List 2024](#)
- [Year 13 Trial exams Dec 2024](#)
- [Food Tech Ingredients – Key Stage 3](#)

Vacancies

- [Data Manager](#)
- [Teacher of Spanish](#)

Herts Fire and Rescue

Please click [here](#) for the Herts Fire and Rescue Service newsletter

AI and Assessments

Please click [here](#) for a poster from JCQ that was shared with students about AI in assessments. The students also received a presentation via google classroom with more information.

Character

This week marks the conclusion of our 7-week character focus on peer pressure and the importance of standing by one's values. Students recently completed a reflective Google Form to evaluate the impact of these sessions. Early analysis is encouraging, with 95% of students responding "yes" to the question, "Do you feel prepared to handle peer pressure situations after these sessions?" This positive feedback shows that our students are gaining confidence and resilience in staying true to their values. We look forward to building on these strengths in the next phase of our character programme.

Year 11 Raising Achievement

We are thrilled to recognise the dedication and hard work that our Year 11 students have shown over the 8 weeks since the start of term. Their proactive and studious approach has set a fantastic tone for the year, and with trial exams on the horizon, we're focusing on bringing an extra "energy boost" and renewed commitment to each step of their journey.

Today, we also celebrated our first i-Card prize draw! Congratulations to the lucky winners—your consistent efforts are paying off. A reminder to all students: every i-Card earned increases your chances in the upcoming draws, so keep up the momentum!

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Seb C in Year 10, who has been selected to attend England FA's Men's U15 Emerging Talent Camp at St George's Park.

Sports Results

Y10B Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 2-0
Y7A&B Netball vs KLS	7A - Won 20-1 7B - Won 19-1
Y10 Netball vs Dame Alice Owen	Lost 33-22
U12 Girls Football vs Marlborough	Won 6-1
Y9 Netball vs Longdean	9A - Won 43-7 9B - Won 28-3
Y7 Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Won 5-4
Y8B Boys Football vs John Hampden	Won 1-0

ASA News

BAG 2 SCHOOL COLLECTION - 12 Nov

We are collecting unwanted clothes and shoes for Bag 2 School, a textile recycling company who will repurpose your clothing AND donate money to the ASA. The more we collect, the more they donate. Please drop off your items to 15 Swing Gate Lane, HP4 2LJ.
www.bag2school.com

NEW2YOU

The ASA sells excellent, nearly-new uniform at fantastically low prices:

Blazers: £5

Skirts / Trousers: £3

PE Hoodies: £3

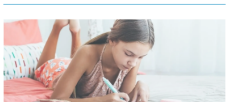
PE T Shirts: £2

Ties: £1

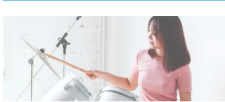
All the money raised from New2You sales goes back to the school as part of the ASA fundraising. Email

asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk for any requests. Donations are always gratefully received and can be dropped off at the school office.

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



Calming Drawing Ideas



Drumming And The Brain



Top Ten Greek Myths

This week at Tooled Up we're celebrating the arts. With the pressure that many young people experience on academic achievement and results, it's important to remember the value that extra-curricular learning and knowledge can have.

In addition to being a nourishing, lifelong hobby, an interest in music, art and literature can have wide-ranging cognitive, social and emotional benefits. The arts help shape who we are, and enable young people to become well-rounded and interesting individuals who are attractive to universities and employers.

Tooled Up has a number of resources that illustrate the cognitive benefits of the arts and provide ideas to ignite children's interest.

This [article](#) on the ways that music improves cognitive performance shares research on the benefits of learning an instrument. Find out more in this recent, surprising podcast on [Drumming and the Brain](#), with neuroscientist Dr. Marie-Stephanie Cahart.

Classicist David Bowker gave us this list of his [Top 10 Greek Myths](#). These are the thrilling stories at the heart of many of the literary genres, movies and video games that we enjoy today and the list will give you plenty of ideas for exploring them with your child.

Inspiring creativity at home can be as simple as handing your child some paper and a pencil! Find [30 Calming Drawing Ideas](#) to share, then take some time with your child to explore the [Paintings Every Family Should Know About](#).

Did you know that Tooled Up recently passed the milestone of **1,000 resources** in our online library? We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who contact us every week with questions about parenting, education and well-being. This communication and feedback shapes what we do. Explore our [Top 5s of 2024](#) to discover the topics that are most popular and relevant to parents right now.