



## 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 information about new safety measures to protect young people from sextortion.

## Autumn Chill

Well done to all the students who performed on Wednesday's Autumn Chill! We had a fantastic range of performances from soloists, duets, bands and choirs, and the evening brought some warmth to these colder months!

## ELD - Thursday 14th November 2024

Our ELD for all students will take place on Thursday 14 November.

**Year 7 - Creative Arts**

**Year 8 - STEM Trip to Natural History Museum and V&A**

**Year 9 - PSHE: Social Action, Conflict Resolution, and CPR Training**

**Year 10 - Careers**

**Year 11 - English Production and Revision**

**Year 12 - Independent Research at Museums**

**Year 13 - Future pathways preparation**

Please click [here](#) for more information on what the students will be doing throughout the day.

## LRC Year 7 Great British Book Bake Off

On **Monday 18 November** the LRC will be hosting our popular book-themed baking competition for Year 7 students.

We are looking for cake creations in the form of a favourite book, character or scene. Cakes can be in any form such as tray bakes, biscuits, cupcakes etc. All cakes must be nut-free please.

Cakes need to be delivered to the LRC before registration on Monday morning with the prize-giving ceremony at lunchtime at 1.30pm.

There are lots of prizes to be won along with House points for each entry.

**Ready, steady, bake!**

## Character

Character Programme this half term in tutor time is as follows:

Year 7 - My Character Programme Introduction & 'Having a Dream'

Year 8 - My Character Programme 'Helping Others' & 'Working Together'

Year 9 - Managing Emotions & Friendship

Year 10 - 'Vision' and 'Attitude' through the VESPA Programme.

Year 11- Character & Revision Strategies.

## Key Dates

- 11 Nov: Parent Forum
- 14 Nov: ELD
- 17 Nov: ASA Craft Fair
- 22 Nov-6 Dec: Y11 Trial Exams
- 29 Nov: Occasional Day, School Closed
- 2 Dec: INSET, School Closed to Students

## Next Week New Autumn/Winter Lunch Menu: Week 2

## House Points

| Current house points |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bourne               | Coram           | Handel          | Raven           |
| 10038                | 9526            | 11229           | 10738           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 08/11/2024           |                 |                 |                 |

## Communications

- [Y13 UCAS and Careers Day](#)
- [Y10 ELD and Mock Interview Day](#)

## Vacancies

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

## ASA News

**We need your help! Call for Donations** We're gearing up for our festive fundraising events and need your help to make them a huge success! We're looking for donations of: - **Cakes** for sale at the Craft Fair (see below) - Sunday 17th November - **Bottles and chocolates**, for our tombola at the Town's

## Year 11 Raising Achievement

Congratulations to the students below who have already achieved double figures in i-Cards—an impressive reflection of their hard work, effort, and commitment to GCSE success in just half a term!

### Top i-Card Students

1. Mollie S, Olivia M - **13 i-Cards**
2. Sofia C, Kitty W, Tom B - **12 i-Cards**
3. Millie R, Molly B, Ruby V-D, Ffion W, Emilia S - **11 i-Cards**
4. Riley B, Imogen S, Douglas R, Charlotte P, Martha L - **10 i-Cards**

A special shoutout to our top attendee for Session 6, showing outstanding dedication to their studies by making the most of this extra revision opportunity after school. Your commitment to success is truly inspiring!

### Top Session 6 Attendees

1. Edward M-J - **22 sessions**
2. Tom B - **20 sessions**
3. Ruby V-D - **19 sessions**
4. Douglas R - **18 sessions**
5. Ella W, Minnie C, Daniel W - **17 Sessions**
6. Emily P - **16 Sessions**

With trial exams just around the corner at the end of the month, it's fantastic to see students showing such dedication through their attendance at Session 6. Keep up the hard work—every bit of effort now lays a strong foundation for success!

## Inter House Cross Country

Before the half term saw years 7 to 10 take part in the Ashlyns in the annual inter house cross-country competition. Well done to all students who took part; there were some fantastic individual performances across all year groups. The results are as follows:

|        |    |            |
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| Bourne | 35 | <b>2nd</b> |
| Coram  | 32 | <b>1st</b> |
| Handel | 38 | <b>3rd</b> |
| Raven  | 35 | <b>2nd</b> |

(lowest points wins)

## Sports Results

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| U16 Girls Football vs St Clement Danes | Won 5-3  |
| Y7A&B Netball vs Longdean              | 7A - Won<br>7B - Won   |
| Y7 & Y8 Districts Cross Country        | 7 Girls - Phoebe G 7th<br>7 Boys - Nathan W 1st<br>8 Girls - Freya W 13th<br>8 Boys - Luca W 3rd   |
| U14 Girls Football vs Broxbourne       | Lost 3-1   |
| Y9 & Y10 Districts Cross Country       | 9 Girls - Eimear M 1st<br>9 Boys - Alfie B 5th<br>10 Girls - Freya W 1st<br>10 Boys - Edward G 4th |

Festival of Light celebrations  
- Sunday 24th November - **Mulled wine & Mince pies** for the carol concert, Sunday 8th December - **Hamper items**, draw on Monday 16th December. Thank you.

**Hamper Raffle** tickets can now be purchased. This [flyer](#) has further information on how to purchase raffle tickets, where to drop off donations and what to donate.

**Craft Fair** The annual Craft Fair is taking place on Sunday 17th November. This event requires a large number of volunteers to ensure its usual success. If you can, please help on the day; sign up via [this link](#). This [flyer](#) has more information on the event; please spread the word, and join us on the day. Please also note that we need donations of homemade or donated cakes (no nuts, list of ingredients required and gluten free options welcome) to be sold at the fair. Donations should be delivered to the main reception at school on Friday 15th November, or 9 Birtchnell Close on Saturday 16th, or school on the morning of Sunday 17th November.

We have also launched a House cake baking competition for the students. The competition will be judged on the morning of the Fair and the cakes subsequently sold at the Craft Fair Cafe. All entries receive House points and a Book of Hamper Raffle Tickets. Further details have been circulated on Google Classroom.

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| Y11A Netball vs Tring            | Lost 35-17 |
| Y10A Boys Football vs Windsor    | Won 5-2    |
| Y7B Boys Football vs Marlborough | Won 6-0    |
| U13 Girls Football vs Monks Walk | Won 4-0    |
| Y9B Boys Football vs Bradfield   | Lost 5-3   |
| Y9A Boys Football vs Beaumont    | TBC        |
| U12 Girls Football vs Priory     | TBC        |

**Bag 2 School Collection -12 Nov** Please donate any 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](http://www.bag2school.com)

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



Busting Neuromyths



A Quick Guide to Neurodiversity



A Parents' and Educators' Guide to ADHD Medication

Tooled Up has always featured a broad range of voices and resources relating to neurodiversity. We want to support families who have neurodiverse children, inform people who are coming to the topic for the first time, and help to challenge common “neuromyths” that still dictate much of what people think about issues such as autism and ADHD.

Our popular [Busting Neuromyths](#) webinar is a great place to start. Dr Jo Van Herwegen is a Professor in Developmental Psychology and Education at UCL. In the webinar she tackles some of the common myths relating to learning styles, sides of the brain and our expectations of neurodiverse people.

If you're the parent of a child with ADHD, Tooled Up has a wealth of resources that can help you. From last year's ADHD conference, Dr Ned Hallowell's session [How to Live Joyfully and Successfully with ADHD](#) and Dr Vilas Sawrikar's [ADHD Positive Parenting Toolkit](#) are sources of reassurance and inspiration, full of practical ideas and first-hand experience.

Most recently, we hosted Consultant Psychiatrist Professor Peter Hill for [A Parents' and Educators' Guide to ADHD Medication](#). Watch to learn more about how medication works and what the research says about potential side-effects.

Our webinar [The Autistic Child: What Every Parent or Carer Needs to Know](#) offers valuable insight into autism diagnosis and what it means for the child and the family. A brilliant accompaniment would be this guide to [Neuro-Affirming Resources](#) that are all aimed at helping young people understand neurodiversity.

More information and links to helpful Tooled Up resources can be found in our [Quick Guide to Neurodiversity](#). This offers an overview of the subject together with practical information and a guide to all the ways that Tooled Up can help.