



## Next week- 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

The countdown to Christmas is on. This is obviously an exciting time for families and children in particular. With the tradition of gift giving occurring in homes The Child Accident Prevention Trust have published a list of gifts that actually could be of danger to children. Please find information [here](#).

## LRC Scholastic Book Fair

The LRC will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday 10 to Friday 13 December 2024. The Book Fair will feature a wide variety of titles and genres and will be open for all students to browse and buy books at break and lunchtimes on each day. Book sales are cash only and 25% of the books will be under £5, so it's a great opportunity to get some bargain Christmas gifts!

## Christmas lunch - Wednesday 18 December

Please remember that all orders for Christmas lunch must be placed by midday Tuesday 3 December. Please select the Christmas lunch additional item at £4.40 - topping up your child's usual lunch allowance does not pre-order a Christmas lunch. As we are sure you appreciate, once ordered, the payment for lunch is non-refundable.

## Character

Our budding Year 10 prefects have stepped up and are now leading character sessions for Year 7 and Year 8 students. These sessions are designed to inspire and align with our school values. Year 7 are currently exploring the *Character Introduction* unit, which connects directly to our core values of integrity, inclusivity, and independence, while Year 8 are working through the *Helping Others* unit, focusing on empathy and community spirit.

Meanwhile, Year 9 continue their *Managing Emotions* unit, developing strategies to navigate challenges and build resilience. Year 10 are progressing through the VESPA programme, where they are honing their character and mindset to support success in their studies and beyond.

These activities reflect our commitment to nurturing character across all year groups, equipping our students with the values and skills they need for life.

## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme & Trial Exams

Our Year 11 students have started their mock trial exams brilliantly this week, demonstrating remarkable maturity, dedication, and resilience in their approach. Their commitment to thorough preparation and their calm, focused attitude in the exam hall has been truly commendable.

These trials mark an important milestone in their journey, and it's clear that many students are embracing the opportunity to showcase their hard work and progress. We are incredibly proud of the effort and determination they are putting into this crucial phase of their Raising Achievement Programme. Keep up the excellent work, Year 11!

## Key Dates

- **29 Nov: Occasional Day**, School Closed
- 1 Dec: ASA Tombola at the Sunday Market
- **2 Dec: INSET**, School Closed to Students
- 5 Dec: Y7 Parent Information Evening
- 8 Dec: Carol Concert
- 9-13 Dec Y13 Trial Exams
- 18 Dec: Christmas Lunch
- 20 Dec: Last day of Term, school closes at 12.30

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

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
15572	15197	17162	16866
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
28/11/2024			

## Communications:

- [Y7 Parents' Support and Information Evening](#)
- [Introduction of Mobile Phone Pouches](#)
- [Y10 Work Experience](#)

## Vacancies

- [Inclusion Teacher with Maths](#)
- [Teacher of Spanish](#)
- [Administrator](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)
- [Teaching Assistant with Personal Care](#)

## ASA News

### "URGENT!!!!"

You were amazing at rallying to donate for the Festival of Light last week - thank you, however we are not out of the woods yet. We are

## Student Achievement

Well done to Archie P Y9 and Ozzie P Y8 who qualified to fight in the British Judo Schools Championships in Essex on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Archie secured a Gold medal in his weight category and fought off some tough competition. Ozzie was fighting in a year group above him and secured a Silver Medal.



## Sports Results

U15 Girls Football vs Sir Henry Floyd	Won 3-2
U18 Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 4-0
Y10 Boys Football vs Sandringham	Lost 3-2
Y8 Netball vs Longdean	Won 34-1
Y10B Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Won 4-1
Y8 Boys Football vs JHN	TBC
Y10A Netball vs Tring	TBC
Y9A Boys Football vs Simon Balle	TBC

critically low for donations for the **Hampers** and **Carol Concert**. We can use some of the items donated last week but desperately need more contents for our hampers ([see flyer](#)) and Minced Pies for the Carol Concert. No more alcohol! Please, please, please help with one extra push for donations!!

Please drop donations to:

33 Bridgewater Road,  
Berkhamsted, HP4 1HP

32 Shrublands Avenue,  
Berkhamsted, HP4 3JQ

15 Swing Gate Lane,  
Berkhamsted, HP4 2LJ

9 Birtchnell Close,  
Berkhamsted, HP4 1FE

1 Upper Hall Park,  
Berkhamsted, HP4 2NW

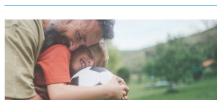
8 Alyngton, Northchurch,  
Berkhamsted, HP4 3XP

Thank you for your support!

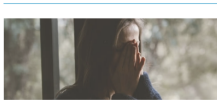
**Antiques Market - this Sunday**

**The Festival of Light tombola is happening THIS SUNDAY at the Berkhamsted Antiques Market! Please seek us out if you go!**

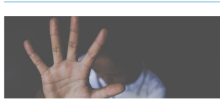
Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston: School PIN 4989



Cultivating Care And Connection With Boys



Domestic Abuse and Teen Relationships



Gender-Based Violence: What Young People Need To Know

White Ribbon Day takes place on November 25th each year. It is a global activism campaign dedicated to preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG).

With 1 in 3 women globally, experiencing sexual or physical violence in their lifetimes, it's never been more important to ensure that young people can identify and talk about the subject.

Dr Lisa Sugiura, Associate Professor in Cybercrime and Gender at the University of Portsmouth, made this [video](#) for Tooled Up giving an overview of gendered violence and sharing the latest research. If you're new to the topic of VAWG, or would like more information, try this resource for [parents](#) before discussing some of the themes with your child.

In this [podcast](#), domestic violence education expert Professor David Gadd discusses the best ways for parents and schools to teach boys (and girls) about good relationships and explores the topic of consent and boundaries.

In the UK, this year's theme for White Ribbon Day is "It starts with men." It highlights the importance of ensuring we connect with the boys and young men in our lives to talk through issues of misogyny and masculinity.

These [40 Family Conversation Questions](#) on misogyny and positive masculinity are perfect for discussing this sensitive topic at home.

Many parents understand that misogynistic ideas are spread online, and are worried about what their children might encounter on social media or at school. This [webinar](#) from Ellie Softley of Everyone's Invited explores how misogynistic ideology, such as that found in incel forums, is making its way into the mainstream, and how we can encourage young people to think critically about what they see and hear.

From Tooled Up's recent Reaching Boys Early conference, watch Dr Stephen Burrell's webinar [Cultivating Care and Connection with Boys](#). Dr Burrell discusses how boys' ideas of masculinity develop, and promotes practical tips that parents can use to help boys resist harmful narratives about gender.