



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

In the build up to Safer Internet Day on the 11th February please find a [link](#) to the parents/carers area of the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Safety Message

We are aware of reports of an incident which took place on Cross Oak Road, Berkhamsted, earlier this week.

Please remind your child to be vigilant whilst travelling to and from school and, where possible, walk with friends.

Safeguarding of all students is of paramount concern to us, and this subject is addressed in assemblies and lessons throughout the school year.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students demonstrating their commitment to success in these first two weeks back. The turnout at our various revision sessions has been highly encouraging, and we are proud of the effort students are putting into their studies.

A special thank you to all the parents who attended Thursday's Raising Achievement Evening. It was a pleasure to see such strong support for our students' success. Heads of Department shared invaluable tips on effective revision strategies and how best to support your child at home.

The [open revision timetable](#), available to all students, is now in full swing, along with Session 6 after-school revision sessions. These provide excellent opportunities for students to consolidate their learning and receive additional expert guidance from their teachers. We strongly encourage all students to make the most of these sessions, as they can significantly enhance progress and boost confidence.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Character

This week, our Year 10 prefect team delivered character-themed sessions across the school in preparation for Holocaust Memorial Day, which falls on Monday, 27 January. Students explored important themes such as empathy, compassion, and courage, reflecting on the lives of remarkable individuals like Irena Sendler, Sir Nicholas Winton, and Anne Frank.

Next week, Mr. Walker will lead assemblies marking the 80th anniversary of the Holocaust. He will explore its enduring significance, linking these lessons to our ongoing focus on character and how we can apply these values in our own lives. Thank you for supporting our efforts to nurture character alongside academic success.

Key Dates

- 6 Feb: Y9 Options Evening
- 11 Feb: ASA Meeting
- 17 Feb: Half Term
- **20 March: Revised Date, Spring Chill Concert**

Next Week

[Autumn/Winter Lunch](#)

Menu: Week 3

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
21723	21454	23779	23117
3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd
17/01/2025			

Communications

- [Y12 Work Experience](#)
- [Y13 PE Leave Permission](#)

DPSL8

Please click [here](#) for the Dacorum Parent/Carers course and support newsletter.

Music Lessons

To register for music lessons for the Spring Term please go to [HMS Music Lessons](#).

If you wish to withdraw from music lessons please use this [form](#) or email SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk before the February half term.

Any other queries regarding music lessons please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Active Lives Survey 2025

Ashlyns has been selected to take part in the annual survey by Sport England to measure the participation in sport and physical activity in our school. The survey will be completed in form time before half term and further details can be found [here](#). It will give us a bespoke report outlining the key findings and potential barriers to participation. This will then be used to drive further developments within PE and sport at Ashlyns.

Students can opt out at any point by not completing the survey.

Ashlyns on TV

Ashlyns School was used as a location for the ITV drama series Grantchester, and some of our students and support staff were Supporting Actors. The episode was aired this week: Grantchester season 9, episode 2.

School Travel

We are now able to update you regarding the recent consultation into a reduction in the speed limit on the roads near our school. We are pleased to announce that work is due to begin this month. This will take place in a phased approach, but you will shortly see the signage changing to 20mph outside of the school. The plans will also see the introduction of new streetlights along the whole of Chesham Road. We remain committed to ensuring that students and their families can travel safely to and from school every day and we are confident that these improvements will support this focus.

Student Achievement

Well done to James P, Y8, who qualified to be invited to the British Schools Ski Squad. Good luck to James in the British Schools Alpine Championships on 6-7 February!



Ashlyns Golf Team

We have had some students express an interest in playing golf for the school and we will be looking to create a golf team in the upcoming County Competition and enter individuals into the tournaments. If you play golf at a competitive level, and may be interested in taking part, please contact Mr Preston, Head of PE, jpreston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk directly to find out more.

Hertfordshire Cross Country Championship Sat 1 Feb

There has been a change of entry systems this year. If you are interested and feel you are able to compete at that level, there is no advanced entry system in place.

All athletes that wish to run will arrive on the day, take a number from the main desk and scan a QR code that lets them input their details (age group/emergency contact/school/PE teacher in charge of XC) and they will then be entered.

ASA News

Funds Raised

Together we raised over £11,500 in the Autumn Term. Thank you to everyone - it's a fantastic amount.

Save The Dates

11 Feb - ASA Meeting

21 March - Quiz

All spellings and information added is the entrant's responsibility and can not be corrected later. Athletes will require a mobile phone or smart device to enter. Entrants can receive an email confirming their entry to their device.

<http://www.hsaa.info/cross-country/hsaa-cross-country-championships/>

Any questions then please come and see a member of PE.

Sports Results

U13A&B Girls Football vs Kings Langley	Lost
Y10 County Cup Netball vs STAHS	Lost
Y11 Boys Football vs Kathryn Warrington	Won 6-1
Y11 Netball vs Hemel	Won 19-14
Y7 Boys Rugby vs Tring	TBC
U12 Girls Football vs St Edmunds	TBC
Y7A&B Netball vs Abbot's Hill	TBC

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



2025 Goal-Setting Planner



Strategies to Beat Procrastination



Exam Planner 2025

Happy New Year! At Tooled Up we're thrilled to be beginning 2025 with you, and to share in the excitement and determination of getting energised, setting goals, and helping children succeed.

These Tooled Up resources can help make 2025 a fruitful year!

The [2025 Goal Setting Planner](#) is a fun way to help children set achievable goals. These goals could be anything from new things they'd like to try, to saving pocket money for that special something.

For teens preparing for exams in the summer, it's never too early to get organised and the [2025 Exam Planner](#) can help.

Procrastination is something that can affect children and adults alike - we can often need to get lots done but somehow never quite do it! Find ideas to stay on-task and productive with these [Simple Strategies to Beat Procrastination](#).

Lots of us think about **health and nutrition** at the start of a new year. It's **important for children to have a healthy attitude towards food and their bodies** and we have several resources to support this. Dietitian Paola Falcoski's expert tips on [Helping Children Develop a Healthy Relationship with Food](#) will show you how to help children feel more involved in their own food choices.

For **older children and teens** [Dr Idz on Debunking Health and Fitness Myths](#) is great to share or watch together. We know that many young people's ideas about diet and their bodies come from social media, and this webinar explores the truth behind those narratives.