



## 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

Families First is the name of the Early Help services run by Hertfordshire LA. Families can access help and support for all sorts of issues e.g. parenting advice and courses, school attendance and anxiety, money advice, domestic abuse, SEND Local offer and much more. Please [visit their website](#) for more information.

## Character

Our prefects continue to deliver the character programme to Year 7 and 8 during pastoral time, growing in confidence and leadership skills with every session. It's fantastic to see them stepping up and inspiring our younger students.

This week, students involved in the *School of Hard Knocks* programme visited Victoria Primary School to deliver rugby sessions to Year 2 students. They showcased a wide range of character strengths, including leadership, communication, resilience, empathy, and compassion. Their ability to connect with and encourage younger children was very inspiring.

## Inter-house Character Week

Students in KS3 have been taking part in inter-house activities in PE this week as part of the department's character week. Students have been up-holding the school's character values through their individual efforts, team work, leadership and resilience, whilst competing in Indoor Athletics, Football and Dodgeball. The team relays proved particularly popular with students cheering on members of their form trying to win points for their house. All students contributed towards the final totals; here are the results:

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| <b>Bourne</b> | 4th |
| <b>Coram</b>  | 1st |
| <b>Handel</b> | 3rd |
| <b>Raven</b>  | 2nd |

## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

Effective revision starts with a strong plan. We encourage students to create a weekly timetable that includes all their extracurricular activities and commitments. Around this, they should schedule the [school sessions](#) they'll be attending and manageable chunks of independent revision.

Research shows that shorter, focused sessions (30-45 minutes) are more effective than long periods of study. At this stage of the year, the focus should be on Quizzing and Practice, using techniques like:

- Flashcards for self-testing
- Past paper questions
- Reviewing mark schemes and examiner reports

Planning is also a powerful stress reliever, breaking large volumes of revision into manageable steps and creating a sense of commitment when written down.

## Key Dates

- 6 Feb: Y9 Options Evening
- 11 Feb: ASA Meeting
- 13 Feb: Lost Property
- 17 Feb: Half Term

## Next Week

**Autumn/Winter Lunch Menu: Week 2**

## House Points

| Current house points |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bourne               | Coram           | Handel          | Raven           |
| 25235                | 24386           | 27325           | 26431           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| 31/01/2025           |                 |                 |                 |

## Communications

- [Year 12 UCAS Convention](#)

## Vacancies

- [Teacher of Maths](#)
- [Sports/Gym Supervisor](#)

## Lost Property

There will be an opportunity on 13 February to look through the lost property. Items will be put into the main hall for students to look through at lunch break. Parents/carers are invited after school from 3.20-4.30, please use the front entrance by reception.

## 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 [SchooolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchooolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) before the February half term.

Any other queries regarding music lessons please [email](#)

We recommend using topic lists or exam specifications and applying a *RAG system (Red, Amber, Green)* to highlight strengths and weaknesses. This approach helps students target their efforts more effectively.

Mr Roberts is available at session 6 every Tuesday to support students with this process.

### Ashlyns Futsal Triple

Congratulations to the U12, U14 and U16 Girls' Futsal teams who all won their respective District Futsal tournaments this week and will progress through to the County Finals in March.



### Sports Results

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| U12 Girls Futsal District Tournament    | District Champions                 |
| Y9 Boys Rugby vs Adeyfield              | Lost                               |
| Y10 Boys Football vs Astley Cooper      | Won 9-0                            |
| U14 Girls Futsal District Tournament    | District Champions                 |
| U16 Girls Futsal District Tournament    | District Champions                 |
| Y8B Boys Football vs Shenfield          | Won 4-2                            |
| Y7 Boys Rugby vs JFK                    | Drew                               |
| Y10A & Y9A Netball vs Kings Langley     | Y10A - Won 42-12<br>Y9A - Won 52-7 |
| Y8 Boys Rugby vs JFK                    | Drew                               |
| Y9A Boys Football vs Kathryn Warrington | TBC                                |
| Y7&8 Girls Rugby vs Adeyfield           | TBC                                |

### ASA News

#### Quiz Night - 21 March

Tickets on sale shortly via ParentPay- keep checking  
Our hugely popular and sell-out fundraiser (adults only!) is back! Be prepared to test your trivia, whilst raising money for our school.

Start: 7.30pm (prompt start, doors open at 7pm) Ends: 11pm

Price: £10 a ticket, £90 for a table of 10

**Quiz - Cake Auction** – please email the ASA if you can make/donate a cake to auction off on the night.

#### ASA MEETING - 11 Feb

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



Resources for Raising Boys



Resources for Parents of Girls



Tooled Up Quick Guides

With new schools and families joining Tooled Up all the time, and our online library expanding every week, we always work to ensure that our articles, webinars, tips and activities are as easy to navigate as possible.

The links below show where to find the most useful and popular resources, assembled by topic, to help you get the most out of being a Tooled Up member.

[20 Resources for Parents Raising Boys](#) covers online safety, gaming, body confidence, resilience, sleep and more.

[20 Resources for Parents of Girls](#) includes expert resources on digital life, body changes, self-esteem and wellbeing.

Our Quick Guides provide fast, easy to use information on some of our most popular topics, from anxiety to alcohol use, and exam preparation. There are over 25 guides to choose from signposting and including links to other, relevant resources within the Tooled Up library.

You can browse the full range of Quick Guides [here](#).