



## 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

Following on from information provided linked to scams in conjunction with Safer Internet Day please find a [link](#) that provides further advice with regards to "Money muling".

## Character

The focus of National Careers Week has been closely linked to our work on character. Across all assemblies, activities, and particularly within our guest speakers' career talks, one key theme stood out: when it comes to securing a job, an apprenticeship, a T-Level, or a place in sixth form, character matters. Academic results will get you so far, but in an increasingly competitive world, employers and admissions teams are most interested in values, principles, and character strengths.

## Ashlyns Care Home Pilot

Today marked the launch of our Ashlyns Care Home Pilot Scheme, where students visited Ashlyns Care Home to spend time with residents, engaging in conversation and learning about their lives and experiences. It was fantastic to see students and residents—from different generations—connecting, sharing stories, and enjoying each other's company.

This initiative is part of our Character Programme, designed to help students develop key skills such as empathy, compassion, and communication. We look forward to seeing this scheme grow and provide even more opportunities for meaningful intergenerational connections.



## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

Over the next few weeks, students will hear inspiring stories from our Year 13 students, offering motivation and insight into their journeys. This week, we kicked off with our Head Student, who shared their experience of securing a degree apprenticeship.

Once again, we have been hugely impressed with how students approached their additional trial exams during the Extended Learning Day this week. These exams provide another valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their

## Key Dates

- 13 Mar: Y7 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 18 Mar: Y10 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 20 Mar: Spring Chill Concert
- 21 Mar: ASA Quiz night
- 7-18 Apr: Easter Holiday
- 21 Apr: Bank Holiday, School closed

## Next Week

### Autumn/Winter Lunch Menu: Week 1

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
30248	29323	31855	31787
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
07/03/2025			

## Communications

- [Y11 Prom, Hoodies and Yearbook](#)

## Vacancies

- [Higher Level Teaching Assistant](#)
- [Teacher of Technology](#)
- [Receptionist](#)
- [Administrator](#)

## Dacorum Services

## Family

Please click [here](#) for more information about an upcoming workshop: Helping Your Child With Their Worries.

## Oral Health Survey

Healthwatch and the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (NHS) are working together to gather information from

progress, identifying where their knowledge is secure and where they need to focus their revision to close any gaps.

We have also launched the Triple I-Card, providing an extra boost as students approach their summer exams. In addition, students can submit extra I-Cards to help qualify for prom in the summer.

## Careers

### National Careers Week

This week, we celebrated National Careers Week with a range of exciting activities across different year groups:

- Year 9 took part in work shadowing, a meaningful workplace encounter designed to help them start thinking about careers beyond school. We've already received fantastic feedback from students and parents about their experiences.
- Year 12 had their Careers Day, where they chose from a diverse menu of 20 career talks from professionals across multiple industries and sectors. This inspiring day featured speakers including a consultant in transplant medicine, a vet, a forensic psychologist, a journalist and an architect.
- Year 7 & 8 attended a bespoke assembly delivered by Mr. Roberts, focusing on purpose and character—what makes them stand out beyond academics, and the opportunities they can take both in and out of school to develop key life skills.
- Year 10 & 11 had guest speakers focusing on apprenticeships:
  - Year 10 heard from ASK Apprenticeships, who provided valuable information and guidance on the range of degree apprenticeships available and the importance of being work-ready.
  - Year 11 enjoyed an excellent presentation from Will A, one of our Head Students, who shared his journey in securing a Level 7 Master's Degree Apprenticeship for next year, offering valuable insight into the process.
- Finally, all students completed a Future Skills Careers Questionnaire, providing feedback on their careers experiences at Ashlyns so far. This will help us refine and develop our careers programme to ensure it continues to be the very best it can be.

A huge thank you to all students, staff, and guest speakers who made this such a successful and inspiring week!

## LRC World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who generously donated books to the Just Be A Child charity as part of our World Book Day celebrations this week. The response has been tremendous and this morning the books were collected to begin their onward journey to Kenya as part of the charity's reading and library programme.

## Student Achievement

Congratulations to Lilia S, who won the U14 Tennis Europe Junior Tour in Stavanger, Norway last week.



parents and carers about their experiences of accessing dental care for their children. The information will be used to improve oral health services for children. Please click [here](#) for more information and a link to the survey.

## Travel

Hertfordshire County Council have notified us that the recent consultation regarding crossing points near the school received 91% - 97.5% responses in favour. Thank you for supporting this scheme.

## ASA News

**Quiz Night** is just two weeks away! We're still seeking delicious cakes for our auction – please email [asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) if you can donate (homemade or store-bought, nut-free with ingredient lists if applicable).

Plus, don't forget to join our private lottery, the **ASA 100 Club**, for a chance to win cash and support the school! Sign up here: [this form](#).

## Sports Results

U18 Boys Football vs Tring	Won 7-3
U13B Girls Football vs Laureate	Won 4-1
Y9 Boys Rugby vs Tring	Won 43-0
Y11 Boys Football vs Tring	Drew 1-1
Y11 & Senior Netball Versatility Tournament	Y11 - 2nd Senior - 2nd
Y7B Boys Football vs Longdean	Drew 1-1
U13 & U15 Girls County Cricket Indoor Tournament	U13 - 1st U15 - 1st
Y7B Netball vs Adeyfield	Lost
Y9B Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	TBC
Y7B & Y8B Netball vs Laureate	TBC

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



Brilliant New Fiction for  
World Book Day 2025



Tips to Promote Reading at  
Home



Tooled Up Resources on  
Developing Literacy

This week, many Tooled Up schools will celebrate World Book Day 2025. Whether dressing up as a favourite character, learning new words, enjoying online readings or taking extra time to share best loved books, this is a great opportunity for children to be excited about becoming enthusiastic readers.

Research shows that having a **wide reading habit** can bring many **benefits** for children. **Reading** for pleasure **is associated with better outcomes at school, improved wellbeing** and enhances skills such as **empathy**. So it's no surprise that here at Tooled Up we're passionate advocates for reading and literacy.

If you'd like some **inspiration for your next library or bookshop trip**, or you want help choosing up-to-date titles visit: [Brilliant New Fiction for World Book Day 2025](#). This resource **includes** book **suggestions for** children of **all ages from five years to older teens**.

**Some children need help** and encouragement **to become regular readers**. Find advice for making reading a more central part of family life in [Ten Tips to Promote Reading at Home](#).

For **younger children**, set them on the path to becoming confident, proficient readers with these [Tooled Up Resources on Developing Literacy](#).