



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

"Think Before You Share" have written guidance for parents and carers on dealing with the issue of nudes and sharing images. To view this article please click on the [link](#).

Careers

This week marks the culmination of a year-long programme designed to help our Year 10 students begin to create a personal vision for their futures. As part of our Raising Achievement work, this carefully planned sequence of experiences aims to inspire, motivate, and give real-world context as they prepare to enter Year 11. Throughout the year, students have engaged in a wide range of activities to support this vision-building:

- **Careers Expo (October)** — meeting and interacting with a wide range of employers and industries.
- **Careers Extended Learning Day (November)** — exploring different career pathways, preparing CVs, developing employability skills with the RAF along with guest speakers from 7 different industries.
- **Mock Interviews** — developing confidence and communication skills with local employers.
- **Apprenticeship Assembly with Cisco & ASK Apprenticeships** — hearing from real apprentices and employers.

Now, with Work Experience, students are able to apply these insights directly. For some, the week may spark real inspiration and open doors; for others, it may clarify what they don't want to do — both outcomes are equally valuable as they motivate our students to focus, work hard and aim high as they move into Year 11.

Character

At Ashlyns, we place great importance on developing character alongside academic achievement. This is celebrated through our merit system, reward assemblies, and also through the daily recognition of positive actions via students' Character Cards. These cards allow staff to acknowledge moments where students demonstrate our core values — whether that's showing kindness, integrity, independence, or resilience — by awarding signatures.

It is important that all students carry their Character Card with them each day so they are ready to have it signed whenever staff spot them demonstrating positive character. If a student needs a replacement card, these can be collected from the Behaviour Office (Mrs Harris).

Key Dates

- 28 June: Summer Concert 6pm
- 8 July: Sports Day
- 16-17 July: Activity Days
- 18 July: Last Day of Term, school closes to students 12.30
- 18 July: Non-uniform Day

Next Week New Spring/ Summer [Lunch Menu](#): Week 2

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
42835	42691	45318	44975
4 th	3 rd	1 st	2 nd
13/06/2025			

Communications

- [Year 11 Pouches & Hoodies](#)

Vacancies

- [Science Technician](#)

West Herts College - Summer Open Days

West Herts College are hosting their Summer Open Days this June. For further information please click [here](#)

Clean Air Day

Help us to support Clean Air Day on 20 June. You could go car-free for a day, park and stride - park a short distance away and walk the rest, or just reduce your emissions by switching the engine off whilst parked. Any small change can make a difference to the quality of the air we breathe.

Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary

Congratulations to Nathan R, Y7 and Ruby A, Yr8 who are the successful candidates of the Cedric Sharpley Drumming Bursary. There were 6 brilliant applicants and it was a very difficult decision for Ms Mabey. She wishes all the students luck in their onward drumming future and would encourage you to apply again next year if still interested.

Anxiety and Attendance Workshop

Our next anxiety and attendance workshop will take place on Wednesday 25 June from 9.30am to 11.00am, at Hobbs Hill Wood School, Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER. This is run by Dacorum Family Services and offers strategies and support for parents/carers of children who are struggling to come into school. All are welcome to attend. For more information and to book a place please email ftthompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Under 15 Girls County Cricket Cup

This Monday, the Under 15 girls cricket team travelled to Haileybury School for the county tournament. The girls were competing against Haileybury, Berkhamsted School and Bishop Stortford College for the title of County Champions. In what was an excellent day the girls did themselves and the school proud by winning all three matches and therefore securing a dominant win in the competition. Some notable performances included Martha R's 121 runs (including two 50s) and Daisy T's 84 runs @ average of 84. This is such a huge achievement for the girls and shows how much they have improved during their time here at Ashlyns, having never previously beaten Berkhamsted or Haileybury at this age group.



Summer Concert

Our Summer Concert, always a highlight of the school calendar, will be held on 28 June at 6.00pm. Tickets are £13 and available to purchase on ParentPay. The concert should finish around 9.30pm.

ASA News

Comedy Night

Flyers are going out and you may have seen the banners around Berkhamsted. We have an awesome line-up - get your tickets [here!](#)

LRC Garden - Help Needed

Does anyone have some time to help care for the LRC garden? It's perfect for someone who would like to support the school but the ASA events aren't their thing. Drop us an email for more details.

Donations

Tools: Do you have any garden tools gathering dust? The school would be very grateful for any gardening tools that are no longer being used.

Plants: Next time you're digging out some old plants, think of the LRC. Perhaps you're having an extension or just clearing some space -whatever the reason, school will happily replant them.

If you can help with any of the above, please email the ASA. Thanks

asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Woods of Berkhamsted: If you spend any money in Woods on the high street, keep your receipt and drop them into the school office. They donate a percentage of sales to the school.

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



The Importance of Play



Respecting Boundaries During Play



The Truth About Gaming

Children love to explore and have fun through play and this week, **UNICEF's International Day of Play**, reminds parents and carers to celebrate just how vital it is. Recognising its importance, the United Nations has even declared play a universal right for every child.

Beyond enjoyment, **play supports children's overall wellbeing**. It nurtures mental health, encourages social interaction, sparks new interests, and helps develop physical and emotional skills.

In fact, the world of play and its benefits is much broader and richer than you might realise. These Tooled Up resources will help you reflect on how and why playful experiences are central for your child's development.

Professor Paul Ramchandani has the unique title of Lego Professor of Play at the University of Cambridge. In this interview with Tooled Up he **explores different kinds of play and explains why they are vital for children's development** and wellbeing: [Dr Weston Talks with Professor Paul Ramchandani: The Importance of Play](#)

Rough and tumble play has its own special value for children, and although it can sometimes be alarming for parents, if there are clear boundaries in place, it is something to be embraced. **Read these tips on [Helping Young Children to Respect Boundaries During Play](#).**

For older children, play time likely includes gaming. Some parents might instinctively feel that gaming is a less valuable type of play, but what does the research say? Watch Professor Pete Etchells' webinar on [The Truth About Gaming](#) to find out more.