



## 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

Snapchat, a popular social media platform among young people, has introduced a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbot called "My AI." While this feature offers various benefits, it is important to consider the potential risks associated with its use, particularly for young users. Please see information [here](#).

## Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place next week on Tuesday 8 July. Students should come to school in their normal PE kit, with the option of wearing a different t-shirt to represent the colour of their house. Students are permitted to use face paint in their house colours but must not use body paint. Form tutors will post their team sheet on their form Google Classroom so that students know where they should be during the different activity periods; it is important that everyone is in the correct areas for registration and safeguarding purposes. Please make sure you check the weather forecast in advance; it is due to be quite hot, so suncream, umbrellas for shade, sun hats and lots of water are advised. May the best house win!

## Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 prom last night was, as always, a real highlight of the school calendar. We loved welcoming our Year 11 students in all their prom finery along with their parents for a drinks reception to watch them arrive; the spectacle of the impressive assortment of vehicles lining the drive in the sunshine waiting for their turn on the red carpet never fails to amaze!

## Summer Concert

As the academic year draws to a close at Ashlyns, the Music Department would like to thank all of our fantastic performers, the site team, the ASA and all the parents and other members of staff who contributed to our Summer Concert last week, as well as our Senior Citizens' Tea Party on Wednesday. The students put on a brilliant show and showcased just how much incredible talent there is at this school. We hope everyone has a wonderful Summer and we look forward to starting it all again next year!

## Year 12 Induction Day

Following a very large number of applications for our 2025-26 Y12 cohort, we were delighted to welcome 216 students to our Y12 Induction Day on Monday. After an Introduction to Sixth Form life from Mrs Gaches, Head of Sixth Form, the students experienced taster lessons of their selected A Level subjects. They also received an overview of VESPA - a methodology designed to enhance student learning and academic success by focusing on non-cognitive skills - and had the opportunity to catch up with some old friends along with making some new. The day provided a valuable insight to A Level study at Ashlyns and was embraced brilliantly by the future scholars.

## Key Dates

- 8 July: Sports Day
- 11 July: ASA Comedy Night
- 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
46295	46339	49298	48485
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
04/07/2025			

## Communications

- [GCSE Results Day and start of term for Y12](#)

## Berkhamsted Library

The library is looking for student volunteers, age 14+, for their Summer Reading Challenge. Details can be found [here](#).

## HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to register for music lessons, with Herts Music Service, to start in September please do so [here](#). Please note these lessons take place during the school day and students will miss part of their timetabled lessons or breaks

## Arriva Bus Service

If your child uses an Arriva bus service to travel to/from school you may be interested in a monthly direct debit scheme run by the bus

## Humanitarian Conference

On Tuesday more than a hundred 12 students attended the Rotary Club's annual Humanitarian Conference. It provided students with insight into career opportunities within the humanitarian sector, relayed by speakers who work in everything from medicine to engineering, as well as first-hand accounts given by refugees living in our immediate area. The sessions were facilitated by Harriet Purchas, who lives locally and works as an international humanitarian engineer. Students had the opportunity to think about and discuss the impact of natural and human disasters with one speaker describing their recent experience of working for the Red Cross in Gaza, whilst another spoke about working with refugees and asylum seekers in Hertfordshire. A number of students took the opportunity to sign-up for volunteering opportunities locally.

## Geography Field Trips

The Geography department took four classes of Year 10 Geography students on their field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze on Monday and Wednesday of this week to study erosion and coastal defence management as part of their Geography GCSE.

## Senior Citizens' Tea Party

We welcomed 50 local senior citizens to our annual Summer Concert and Tea Party on Wednesday. They were entertained by our students with musical performances and served cakes and sandwiches made by our Food and Nutrition students. Thank you to all the students and staff who made it such a wonderful afternoon for our guests.

## Careers

### Careers in Film

Creative Media Skills Institute delivered an inspiring assembly to Year 10 students last week. Hertfordshire is a major hub for film and television production and offers students a wide variety of potential career opportunities.

### Careers in Aviation

This week we welcomed three guest speakers from the world of aviation to talk to our Year 9 students. The exciting line-up included a Senior First Officer who has flown Airbus 320/1 and Boeing 737 twin-engined jets, an Aerospace Cyber Security specialist and a Programme Manager who leads initiatives to improve the passenger experience at Heathrow airport. The students gained an insight into these different job roles and an understanding of the skills and qualifications needed for each.

## Ashlyns Festival Comedy & Curry Night

### Friday 11 July - 6pm-11pm

Only one week to go to our annual Comedy & Curry Night! This is one of our biggest fundraisers for our school, so if you haven't yet bought your tickets, head on over to the website for more details, our lineup, menu and the ticket link - do not miss this hugely popular summer social that is open to all of Berkhamsted and beyond! With the main hall and dining halls transformed for the evening, it promises to be another night of riotous fun with delicious curries and a great bar. We cannot run these events without the support of our wonderful volunteers - please sign up [here](#).

company which can offer savings. For more information, please visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthly tickets](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/monthlytickets)

## ASA News

### Summer Concert

Thank you very much to our volunteers who helped to make the Summer Concert a success: Erica R, Jo G & Anthony C - as well as Becky H for running the bar. We raised nearly £600!

### Bags2School collection

Good condition men's, women's & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories can be donated. Please put your donations in bags and drop off at 15 Swing Gate Lane, HP4 2LJ by Thursday 10th July.

### New 2 You Uniform

We still need uniform - particularly blazers. Any donations are very gratefully received. Please drop off at the school office or 67a Kings Road.

**District Sports Results**

Year 7	Girls 3rd, Boys 3rd
Year 8	Girls 3rd, Boys 3rd
Year 9	Girls 6th, Boys 4th
Year 10	Girls 2nd, Boys 2nd
All Boys	2nd
All Girls	3rd
Overall Result	3rd