



## 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

Please find a useful [article](#) about the importance of the online safety act.

## Year 7 Transition Day

We were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to Ashlyns yesterday; they had a fun filled, action packed day. We look forward to seeing them all again in September.



## Character Focus – Gratitude

This week, our character focus has been on *gratitude*. All students have been given a thank you card to send to a member of Ashlyns staff, as a way of showing appreciation for the support, encouragement, and care they've received this year. Practising gratitude not only strengthens relationships but also promotes a positive mindset and emotional wellbeing. We've been proud to see so many students taking the time to reflect and express thanks.

## Careers Focus – Year 12 Work Experience

This week, our Year 12 students have been out on their Work Experience placements. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and reflections next week, which they'll complete on Unifrog. We hope the week has given them valuable insight into the world of work and helped shape their thinking and vision for the future.

## Key Dates

- 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 3

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
46887	46966	49968	49188
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
11/07/2025			

## Communications

- [Y7 & 8 Reading Challenge](#)
- [Revision Strategies Workshop](#)

## 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. If you have registered to start lessons in September please ensure your child joins the Google Classroom for Music Timetables. The code for this is **nq4d5yw**.

## Dacorum School Behaviour Charter

The Introduction to the Dacorum School Behaviour Charter can be found [here](#). The most recent Charter can be found [here](#).

## Lockers

ILS, our locker provider, will be coming in to change the locks and reallocate the lockers during the Summer holidays. Please ask your child to empty their locker before the end of term and return their locker keys to the green box by student reception. Anything left in the lockers over the summer will be disposed of.

## Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property; please encourage your child to look through if they have lost anything. The cupboard is next to student reception. Anything left in the cupboard over summer will be donated to the ASA or disposed of.

## PE Department - Sports Kit Return

The PE department is missing a significant amount of team kit from both Football and Athletics this year. We kindly ask students to check at home for any kit they may still have and return it to the PE office before the end of term. It is important that we have complete kits ready for fixtures in the new school year.

## Sports Leaders

Our team of sports leaders have been very busy this term helping at local primary schools' sports days and welcoming primary school children to Ashlyns for events such as Year 1 Mini Olympics. They have also helped at our Year 7 transition events and with our senior citizens' tea party. They have done a fantastic job and we are very proud of them.

'I just wanted to let you know what a great job your sports leaders did yesterday. It was so hot - but they were amazing. Please thank them all from everyone at Potten End.'

## Sports Day

On Tuesday this week, all Ashlyns students participated in the annual Sports Day. Students competed to earn points for their form groups and houses across various athletics events and a wide range of multi-sport activities. Outstanding individual performances led to four new school records — congratulations to those achievers! The final results were extremely close, with the 2024 winners, Handel, successfully retaining their title. Congratulations to all students for an incredibly successful day; you were a true credit to yourselves and to the school.

## Sports Results

Please click [here](#) for the full athletics results

	Overall House		Winning Tutor Group
1st	Handel	7	7H1
2nd	Coram	8	8R2
3rd	Raven	9	9B1
4th	Bourne	10	10C1
		Overall Tutor Group	
		7H1	

## Positive Pathway Summer Project

Please click [here](#) for more information on the upcoming summer holiday activities from Services for Young People can be found [here](#).

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

## ASA News

### ASA School Lottery

Congratulations to our February winners,

1st: M Kruk

2nd: C Williams

3rd: J Garner

Enjoy spending your winnings! To sign up to our Lottery, sign up [here](#)

## Comedy Night

Thanks to all that bought a ticket and big thanks to our volunteers! We hope you all have a fun night.





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



Getting Children Ready for Nursery or Pre-Prep



Getting Children Ready for Secondary or Senior School



Supporting the Transition to University

It's July and change is in the air! For many Tooled Up parents and families, the end of the academic year means reflecting on what has passed and looking forward to the exciting and potentially daunting prospect of a new stage.

A move to the next phase of education can lead to fresh experiences, opportunities and challenges, alongside differing routines, environments, friendships, and expectations.

To ensure that things run as smoothly as possible, Tooled Up has a wealth of resources to help with this transition whether your child is moving from nursery to primary education, up to high school or flying the nest and beginning university.

For young children taking their first steps into school, nursery and early years bring excitement and a taste of independence. However, there can also be some significant adjustment required as children learn about the expectations of education away from the home. Find practical ideas to support your child, and links to Tooled Up resources on common issues for younger children, in this webinar on [Getting Children Ready for Nursery or Pre-Prep](#).

The move from primary to secondary school brings a change so big that most of us probably remember it all these years later! Suddenly your children are leaving the cosy, intimate world of a smaller school and stepping into the often much bigger, more demanding environment of a senior school. Find tips on making this transition a success in this webinar on [Getting Children Ready for Secondary or Senior School](#).

Our brand new webinar for parents of children heading to university, [Supporting Your Teen with the Transition to University Life](#), is full of practical advice to help get them up and running and lay the foundation for academic success and positive mental health.