



## 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

Hertfordshire police, via the Halo department, have asked schools to support raising awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE). Please see a [flyer](#) that contains this information.

## Open Evening Thursday 2 October

The school will be closed to students from 12.30pm. Please refer to the specific details provided in the letter sent last week regarding drop off and collection for students assisting departments, performing for the Music Department and being a guide for the evening.

## Character

We continue to emphasise the ongoing commitment to our Character Programme across the school. This is embedded not only in pastoral activities in tutor time and assemblies but also through the taught curriculum across all subjects. This work is vital in reinforcing our school values of Integrity, Inclusivity, and Independence, as well as other associated character strengths such as resilience, perseverance, and teamwork.

Many of these qualities have been on display this week, particularly during the Year 7 Peak District trip, where students demonstrated support and encouragement to their peers, especially during the long walk! These moments highlight the practical application of character in everyday school life.

## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

Year 11 have made a strong start this week! In assembly, we recapped key messages around cognitively active revision—including the use of past papers, mark schemes, flashcards, and quizzing—versus more passive strategies like simply taking notes.

Topic lists for the Trial Exams (taking place Monday 24 November – Friday 5 December 2025) will soon be available and sent home.

To inspire consistent effort, we shared this thought-provoking quote in assembly:

*"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."*

Parents may find this a useful way to start discussions with your children about the importance of little and often revision and committing to the long game.

We also celebrated students who have made an outstanding start, awarding prizes to those with very high attendance at Session 6 and those who have collected the most i-Cards so far. Keep up the excellent work!

**Reminder:** The Parent Session with Dr Van Der Spoel is taking place on Monday 29 September, starting at 6:45pm. He will share practical tips about revision and explain how you can best support your child.

## Key Dates

- 2 Oct: Open Evening, school closes to students 12.30pm
- 3 Oct: INSET day, school closed to students

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

## Communications

- [Open Evening](#)
- [13 Parent Consultations](#)

## Vacancies

- [Premises Assistant](#)
- [Exam Invigilator](#)
- [SpLD HLTA](#)

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
3017	2998	3194	3190
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
26/09/2025			

## Pre-loved school books

We are really grateful for donations of any school text books or unused GCSE revision books if you no longer need them, but we request that they are current editions and / or not more than three years old. Thank you.

## ASA News

Please complete [this form](#) if you would like to be included in direct communications about the ASA, and to learn more about our fundraising activities.

## AGM / General Meeting - [7 Oct, 7pm](#)

## Extra-curricular

### Duke of Edinburgh

A reminder to students that the deadline for **Bronze and Silver** D of E applications is Monday 29 September at 8am. If you would like to take part, please complete the Google Form on your Year Group Google Classroom. Please note that places will be allocated by ballot should the number of applications exceed the number of places available.

## Sports Results

Y10 Boys Football vs Broxbourne	Won 3-2
U18 Boys Football vs Tring	Drew 1-1
Y11 Boys Football vs Marlborough	Won 5-3
Y8 Netball vs Berkhamsted	Won 27-21
Y11 Netball vs Abbot's Hill	Won 18-0
Y10 Boys Football vs AGS	Lost 3-2
Y8 Boys Football vs Arnold Academy	Won 5-4
U13 Girls Football vs Linslade	Won 3-1
Y9A&B Boys Football	A - 2-2, lost on penalties B - Won 4-1
Y7 Boys Football vs Henry Floyd	TBC

Reminder, please pop our AGM and general meeting in your calendar and come along if you can, everyone is welcome. We have some exciting funding requests to discuss.

Let us know if you'd like any more information:

[asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

**The ASA 100 Club, our Private Lottery:** An easy way to contribute to the fundraising efforts, with as little as £2/month and a chance to win a cash prize. Join up via the form [here](#). Of the monthly draws, 50% goes into the prize pot and 50% goes to the ASA to support our school. The more people who take part, the bigger the prizes!

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

**As parents, we play a vital role in shaping the next generation of global citizens.** By helping our children understand that they are part of a wider world, we can teach them how their actions can make a difference in the local community and beyond.

**Global citizenship encourages** values such as **respect, empathy, and responsibility**, whilst **teaching children and young people to appreciate diverse cultures and perspectives**. By fostering global citizenship, we empower our children to care for others as well as the planet.

We're here to support you with Tooled Up resources to help nurture these important qualities in your child. **For parents of younger children**, watch our video [What is a Global Citizen?](#) to help open up conversations when thinking about this concept.

**For all ages, including teens**, we have created [Talking With Children About Global Citizenship](#) which is designed to stimulate rich discussions at home about how we care for the planet and how our individual actions can have real impact.

The heart of the idea of global citizenship is the **concept of belonging** and what it means for us as humans. **Social connection** is a powerful component of a healthy, happy life. It is a **protective asset for mental health, wellbeing and resilience**.

**For children to step confidently into the wider world, it helps if they feel loved, secure, valued and confident.** Explore this Tooled Up guide on social connection to learn more about how strong, resilient families shape confident global citizens: [Quick Guide to Social Connection](#).

Tooled Up Education warmly invites you to register for their upcoming October 2025 webinar: **Parenting a Child with Oppositional Defiance Disorder: Live Q&A with Adele Devine.**

**REGISTER HERE:** [9 October 2025, 16:00-16:30 BST](#)

Join Special Needs educator and author, Adele Devine, for an insightful 30 minute Q&A on parenting strategies for children with Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD).