



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 see a [link](#) that provides very helpful details about safeguarding and AI.

Y11 Geography Trip

Year 11 completed their final geography fieldwork last week, investigating regeneration in Stratford. It was a highly successful day, allowing them to gain fantastic, first-hand insight into urban change and collect essential data for their work.



Wamba Charity Cup

The highly anticipated annual Wamba cup match was battled out by the Year 12 and Year 13 boys football teams. The final score was 3-2 to Year 12, with a hat trick from Robin S securing the younger team's victory. It is a brilliant fundraiser for one of the Sixth Form's chosen charities, raising over £100.

Year 12 Museum Visit

All students in Y12 took part in an independent trip to London to visit a museum of their choice, including the Natural History Museum, British Museum and the National Gallery. It was an opportunity for students to build their super-curricular experiences by taking the subjects they study further and beyond the classroom. The aim of the visit was for students to collate information which will form their Independent Research Paper - this has huge value as it could form the basis of discussion for future university or apprenticeship applications. To further encourage independence, students were asked to make their own travel arrangements and to travel to and from London independently.



Key Dates

- **16 Nov: ASA Craft Fair**
- 24 Nov - 5 Dec: Y11 Trial Exams
- 28 Nov: Occasional Day
- 1 Dec: Inset Day
- 4 Dec: Y7 Parent Information Evening

Next Week Autumn/ Winter [Lunch Menu:](#) Week 3

Communications

- [Y7 Science Museum Trip](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
9146	10134	9407	11180
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14/11/2025			

ASA News

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - ON SALE NOW!

Win one of our fantastic Christmas hampers! Tickets on [ParentPay](#): £5 for 3 numbers | £10 for 6 numbers (any multiple of £5) Draw: Monday 14th December See [flyer attached](#).

URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

Festival of Light Tombola (23rd November) Bottles & chocolates - Deadline: **Thursday 21st November**

Carol Concert (14th December) Mince pies - Deadline: **Thursday 12th December**

Christmas Hampers (Draw 14th December) Christmas treats, decorations, bottles,

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

As we move towards the upcoming trial exams, our focus in RAP is on high-quality preparation and intentional practice. Students should now be using flashcards for regular quizzing, ensuring key knowledge is firmly embedded. The next step is to connect this knowledge to past-paper questions, applying what they've learned to real exam scenarios. This shift from recall to application is essential for building confidence and exam readiness.

We continue to see strong attendance at Session 6, and it's been especially pleasing to see students arriving fully prepared, with all the materials they need so that no learning time is lost. Avoiding procrastination, staying for the full hour, and maintaining focus throughout makes a significant difference to progress. These habits – preparation, consistency, and purposeful practice – are exactly what will help Year 11 succeed in the trial exams and beyond.

Character

Year 10 have now taken over from Year 11 in delivering our Character Programme. They have made an excellent start, showing real maturity and leadership. Our Year 11 students will continue to support them by shadowing sessions and acting as mentors.

Year 9 students have the opportunity to volunteer for visits to Ashlyns Care Home. Students can sign up via their Google Intake page, and we are running this on a rolling cycle due to high demand.

These visits are a fantastic way to give back to our community, show empathy, and develop vital communication skills. They offer real-life experiences that help students grow in character while making a positive difference to the residents' lives.

Careers

Our Year 10 students took part in an excellent Extended Learning Day, gaining exposure to a range of careers and essential skills. Throughout the day, students listened to six high-calibre speakers representing politics, law, film & TV, healthcare, events, and an entrepreneur who shared their career journey and insights.

Students also began planning their first CV on Unifrog, an important step in preparing for their mock interviews next Wednesday, 19 November. In addition, we introduced key preparation for work experience, including how to use Unifrog to upload placements and how to contact and communicate with potential employers professionally.

Careers with the Armed Forces

Behind the Camo is a four-part virtual event series that gives a real, honest look at life in the British Army. Each episode features serving soldiers answering questions people don't usually ask - covering different topics like career options, daily life, and common myths.

Episode 1 – Behind the CAMO - What does the Army do?

Wednesday, 19th November 2025

6:00 PM – 6:45 PM

[Register Today](#)

ASA Craft Fair - Sunday 16 November 11am - 4pm

We're excited to welcome many of you on Sunday! We have three halls packed with wonderful Christmas gifts made by talented craftspeople, it's the perfect opportunity to find unique presents while supporting our school community. Alongside new stallholders, we also have some current and ex- students

chocolates, nuts, crackers, festive candles, seasonal luxuries Deadline: **Monday 8th December** Check the [flyer attached](#) for details.

BURNS NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE! Our inaugural Burns Night promises to be spectacular!

Date: Thursday 30th January 2026 **Time:** Doors open 6:30pm **Price:** £47.50 **Includes:** 3-course Scottish supper, live band, dancing & the ceremonial Address to the Haggis

Buy tickets now on [ParentPay](#).

SANTA'S SLEIGH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help Santa on the Rotary Club charity sleigh! **Date:** Thursday 11th December **Time:** 5:30pm - 8:00pm **Volunteers needed:** 8 people It's a magical festive evening. If you can spare the time to volunteer, please sign up [here](#).

attending who would love your support. Shop locally, supporting local businesses whilst raising money for Ashlyns School!

The craft fair cafe will be open all day for refreshments.

There are still a few volunteering opportunities on the day if you are able to get involved in this capacity, or if you enjoy baking we welcome donations of (nut-free) cakes to sell in the cafe. (Drop off at school on Sunday morning, and please list ingredients / allergens).

Sign up [here](#) to volunteer.

See the full flyer [here](#), and more information on our stall holders via [Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#). Please follow, like and share our posts to maximise local awareness!

Sports Results

Y7 Boys Football v Chiltern Hills	Won 4-0
Y8 Boys Rugby v JFK	Won 8-4
Y7 Netball v Abbot's Hill	A - Won 15-4, B - Won 12-2
U14 Girls Football v Tring	Won 5-0
Y8 Boys Football v Chiltern Hills	Lost 4-2
Y9 Netball v Hemel	A - Won 11-9, B - Won 29-0
Y8 Boys Rugby v KLS	Won 11-8
Y8 Boys Football v Alameda	Won 7-2
Senior Netball v Tring	Lost 40-22
U15 Girls Football v Abbot's Hill	TBC

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

World Kindness Day, celebrated every year on 13 November, **is a global reminder of the power of compassion and human connection**. It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a coalition of nations and organisations committed to promoting kindness as a universal value, transcending boundaries of race, religion and politics.

Acts of kindness, no matter how small, can create ripples that spread positivity, bridge divides, and inspire others to do good and Tooled Up has a wealth of resources to support this important topic.

For primary-age children, help them to build stronger, kinder friendships by using our activity resource [Treating Others Kindly](#). It gently **guides them to recognise subtle unkind behaviours** like exclusion or gossip and **to reflect on how these actions affect others**.

For teens, help them deepen their understanding of what kindness really means and the impact of **relational aggression** - something intended to hurt someone's personal relationships or social standing, rather than cause physical harm. [Treating Friends and Classmates Kindly](#) will **help you and your teen explore the subtle ways unkind behaviour can appear** in friendships and **to reflect on your family's values** when it comes to kindness and how to treat others.

As adults, let's reflect on how kind we are as individuals to our families, children, friends and colleagues. Unkind words that belittle or shame can deeply affect a child's self-esteem. Listen to our podcast [Words Matter](#) to learn the difference between an occasional 'cross' word and what might be considered verbal abuse.