



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

The Parent/Carer online safety newsletter for Autumn, can be found [here](#)

Autumn Chill

On Wednesday evening we were treated to a lovely evening of music by some of our talented music students. Thank you to them all and to the Music Department for all their hard work.

LRC Year 7 - Great British Book Bake Off Competition

This week our Year 7 students created a fantastic array of book-themed cakes for the annual LRC Great British Book Bake Off competition. The creativity demonstrated was outstanding and all students were awarded Star Baker and won a variety of prizes and House Points. Congratulations to all those who took part! All the entries can be viewed [here](#)

Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree Place has very kindly donated a tree to Ashlyns for our reception area again this year. They also supplied one for the Chapel which will be decorated by the ASA for the Carol Service. Please help to support this local business by visiting their shop which is conveniently located on Chesham Road, just off the roundabout to the A41. Please click [here](#) for their website with more details.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

Next week marks the start of our Year 11 trial exams. These assessments are an important opportunity to practice exam techniques, consolidate knowledge, and identify areas for improvement before the summer. Students are encouraged to prepare thoroughly, use their study leave effectively, and approach each exam well-rested, on time, and in full school uniform. We wish all our students the very best of luck: preparation, focus, and determination will make all the difference.

Character

Our Year 10 students have now taken on their new prefect roles. Over the coming weeks they will be supporting events, leading initiatives, and representing their peers, an important step in their personal development and in strengthening our whole-school culture.

Our weekly character sessions in KS3 are currently focussing on recognising your own character strengths and areas for development, helping others and developing resilience. Year 10 & 11 continue to focus on developing their VESPA mindsets.

Student Achievement in Sport

Lexi H-S in 7B1 recently achieved third place in the individual karate sparring event at the TISKA National Championships.

Key Dates

- 24 Nov - 5 Dec: Y11 Trial Exams
- 28 Nov: Occasional Day
- 1 Dec: Inset Day
- 4 Dec: Y7 Parent Information Evening
- 8 Dec- 12 Dec: Y13 Trial Exams
- 14 Dec: Carol Concert
- 19 Dec: Last Day of Term, school closes 12.30pm

Next Week Autumn/ [Winter Lunch Menu:](#) Week 1

Communications

- [Y7 Trip to Science Museum](#)
- [Y11 Trial Exams](#)

Vacancies

- [Safeguarding and Pastoral Support Officer - Sixth Form](#)
- [Safeguarding and Pastoral Support Officer](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
9602	10751	10237	11838
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The Sandbox digital mental health support service

[Free group therapy](#) sessions for 12-14-year-olds with anxiety – starting 25 November

The Sandbox digital mental health support service are pleased to share that their new Group Therapy sessions for 12-14-year-olds will be

Careers

Our Year 10 students took part in their mock interviews this week, and they were outstanding. Employers who interviewed them shared incredibly positive feedback, praising the professionalism of their CVs, the confidence in their body language, and the quality of their interactions. Students really stepped up to the challenge, demonstrating maturity, ambition, and a genuine readiness to engage with the world of work.

Careers in the Air Force

Insight into the Royal Air Force, Virtual Event

Tuesday 25 November, 5pm-6:30pm, Open to students & university students

Discover over 70 different career roles beyond flying, including Engineering, STEM, Medical, Law, Business, and more. Learn about world-class training, competitive salaries, subsidised food and accommodation, global travel opportunities, and adventurous training that aligns with your hobbies.

Register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RAF_Controller

starting on Tuesday 25 November at 4pm. This supportive space is designed to help individuals explore their thoughts, feelings, and experiences alongside others in a safe and guided environment.

For any questions or to register interest, please E: sandbox@mindler.co.uk

Sports Results

Y7 Boys Rugby vs Longdean	Lost 6-4
Y10 Boys Football vs Samuel Whitbread	Won 1-0
Y7 B Netball vs Laureate	Won
Y8 A&B Netball vs Abbot's	8A - Won 26-2, 8B - Won 16-1
U18 Girls Football vs Roundwood Park	Won 3-2
U18 Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 5-4
Y9 B Netball vs JFK	Won 7-4
Y9 Netball vs Berkhamsted	TBC
U13 B Girls Football vs Winston Churchill School	TBC
Y10 Boys Football vs KLS	TBC

ASA News

Craft Fair 2025

Huge thank you to our Craft Fair Leaders - Rachel & Jo, who did another incredible job on the event last week. Thank you also to Estelle for undertaking the social media aspects, and to everyone who donated, attended, volunteered and ran a stall! Your contributions made it another fantastic event - and together we raised a fabulous £5,500!

Festival of Light - This Sunday, 23 November

Join us at our chocolate & bottle tombola stall this Sunday from 3:30pm to 6pm. We'd love to see you there!

Urgent: Donations still needed for the Festive Events

We totally rely on your generous donations for the next couple of events, and are currently significantly down on previous years. If you can dig deep and donate towards:

- **Festival of Light** - Chocolates & bottles by the end of today (Friday)
- **Christmas Hampers** - Any festive items welcome by 8th December (see [attached](#) for item ideas).
- **Carol Concert** - Mince pies (still well stocked for mulled wine from last year) (14th December)

Christmas Hamper Raffle - available to buy via [ParentPay](#). Win one (or two!) of our fantastic Christmas hampers!

£5 for 3 numbers | £10 for 6 numbers (any multiple of £5) **Draw:** Monday 15th December (correction from last week!). See flyer [here](#).

Burns Night- Already limited tickets remaining! Our inaugural Burns Night is proving incredibly popular, with limited tickets left after just one week on sale!

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](#).

ASA 100 Club congratulations to our September winners!

These are: *First Prize* - P Walker / *Second Prize* - L Evans / *Third Prize* - N Few

We now have OVER 100 members - can we make it the ASA 150 Club?

Sign up [here](#) for a chance to win a cash prize.

Donations Drop-Off Locations

- 32 Shrublands Avenue, HP4 3JA
- 9 Birtchnell Close, HP4 1FE
- 11 Haynes Mead, HP4 1BU
- 15 Swing Gate Lane, Berkhamsted HP4 2LJ
- 5 Falcon Ridge, HP4 2HJ
- 1 Upper Hall Park, HP4 2NW

If you can't drop off, we can collect! Email: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

As always...

Complete [this](#) form to stay in the loop about fundraising activities and see where your contributions make a difference.

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

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the science of creating machines and computer systems that can perform tasks that usually require human intelligence.

From voice assistants like Siri and Alexa, to personalised recommendations on Netflix or YouTube, it may be surprising to realise that AI is already part of our everyday lives and many children and young people are engaging with it in various ways, whether to help with homework or to talk to it as a friend.

The pace of change can feel bewildering but Tooled Up has a number of resources designed to help you navigate this important topic.

As AI becomes an integral part of life, children and young people have a unique opportunity to explore and benefit from its possibilities. Our guide [Everyday AI: Transforming How We Live and Interact](#) offers a glimpse into its workings, including how we already are, and could, utilise it.

With many **children now using AI Chatbots for learning, companionship and as a confidante**, it's important to ensure that they don't replace trusted relationships or real-life experiences. [AI Chatbots: What Parents Need to Know](#) provides practical support to help parents guide young people to use them safely.

How are children engaging with generative AI and what do they need to stay safe, informed and empowered? In [Supporting Children's Use of Generative AI](#) Dr Nomisha Kurian, a leading researcher on AI and children's wellbeing, **offers practical insights highlighting what child-safe AI could look like** and why children must be included in the conversation.