



January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 8 Activity Days – 15 and 16 July 2026**

The last week of term, commencing 13 July 2026, includes two activity days, one of which is a visit to Chessington World of Adventure.

### **Wednesday 15 July – It's a Knockout and Sports Activities**

It's a Knockout is a half-day activity that students absolutely love. There are inflatable obstacles where students compete as teams to complete the games. The activities are designed to cater for all abilities, and the It's a Knockout team ensures everyone is included. Safety protocols are in place for each obstacle.

In addition to this, students will also participate in a sports carousel where they will take part in various activities. Students will need their **PE kit** and a **change of clothes** on the day. We will also have a local ice cream van visiting from which all students will receive an ice cream.

### **Thursday 16 July – Trip to Chessington World of Adventures**

The second activity day involves a trip to Chessington World of Adventures, where students can choose from the many rides and activities while spending time with their friends as the term comes to a close.

We recommend students bring a **packed lunch**; however, there will be opportunities to purchase drinks, small snacks, and souvenirs. For those planning to go on wet rides, please bring a **change of clothes**.

We will travel by coach, leaving school promptly at **9.00am** (registration will take place at 8.30am) and returning at approximately **5.00pm**. Students are not required to wear school uniform but should dress in **comfortable and appropriate clothing**.

### **Costs and Payment Information**

The total cost for both activities is **£57.50**, which includes travel, insurance, Chessington tickets, and the It's a Knockout activities. Payment should be made via **ParentPay** by **Thursday 30 April 2026** at the latest.

For students with a valid Merlin Pass, please contact Ms Domokos in the Finance Office for details of the reduced cost. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to bring and look after their pass on the day. Unfortunately, Blue Peter badges are no longer accepted at Chessington.

A full risk assessment has been undertaken for the above activities, and appropriate control measures are in place.

## **Additional Information**

I understand that the cost of these activity days may create additional expenses for families, particularly for those with multiple children at Ashlyns. However, these activities have been selected because they provide students with:

- Increased confidence
- Opportunities to identify leadership potential
- Lasting memories
- Strengthened friendships

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary but if these are insufficient the trip/activities may have to be cancelled. In cases of genuine hardship please contact Ms Stringer ([jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jstringer@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)) in the Finance Office, in confidence, by Friday **27 February 2026** at the latest.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Gurney  
Head of Year 8