

Next week- Week 2/B

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08.30 each morning via the Arbor app. Please use the [Absence Form](#) to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

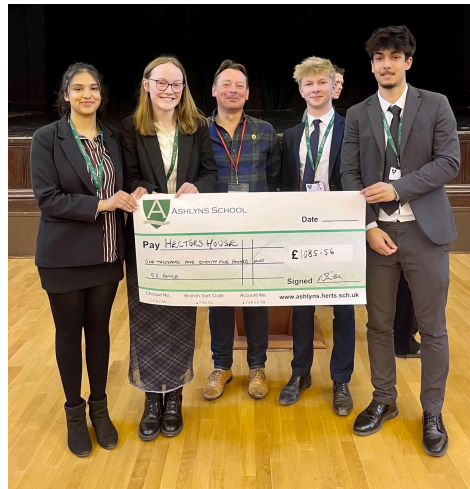
Safeguarding

Is your child or young person receiving support or on a waiting list for a mental health service? Join us at an information session on Tuesday 5 May, 7pm to 9pm over Zoom, to learn more about mental health within a family and get practical ideas and strategies to help your child towards recovery. Book [here](#).

Sixth Form

During Tuesday's assembly local charities, WAMBA and Hector's House, were presented with cheques by the Sixth Form exec following their amazing fundraising efforts.

WAMBA is a local charity which provides resources and support to communities in The Gambia, focusing on education and healthcare initiatives. Hector's House works tirelessly to raise awareness of mental health issues and prevent suicide among young people. The impressive total of £1085 for each charity was achieved through a variety of student-led events, demonstrating their creativity, commitment and in some cases exceptional baking skills! The students were delighted to hear directly from representatives of both charities about the tangible impact their donations will have on both local and international communities.



Head Students

We are very pleased to announce that after Hustings last week, when all candidates delivered impressive speeches, our new Head Students have been appointed: congratulations to Ruby V and Evie R. Our new Deputy Head Students will be Oscar D and Imogen S.

All Year 12 students will have the opportunity to apply to be part of the wider Sixth Form Executive in the next few weeks.

Geography Field Trip

The Geography department took 28 Year 12 students to Cranedale on their field trip this week; they were extremely lucky with the weather and had a productive week!

Key Dates

- 4 May: Bank Holiday, School Closed
- 8-11 May: Y12 French Trip
- 21 May: Summer Chill Concert
- 25-29 May: Half Term

Next Week [New](#) [Spring/Summer Menu:](#) Week 1

Communications

- [Year 11 Exams and Study Leave 2026](#)
- [Year 11 Last Day Arrangements](#)

Vacancies

- [Science Teacher \(Maternity Cover\)](#)

House Points

Current house points				
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven	
25146	31103	30625	32203	
4 th	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	
01/05/2026				

Lockers

Lockers will need to be emptied at the end of term and keys returned. If your child is in Y11 or Y13 please encourage them to empty their lockers before they finish for their exams next week, as any items left over the Summer will be disposed of.

Sports Results

U18 Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 5-0
County League Athletics @Jarman	U14G - 4th U14B - 5th U16G - 5th U16B - 3rd
Y11 Boys Football vs JFK	TBC

ASA News

ASA Comedy Night, Friday 10th July

Nearly half our tickets have gone already - in just two weeks - wohoooo! Don't leave it long to buy yours!

This week, meet your headliner...we are thrilled to have NATHAN CATON topping the bill at the ASA Comedy Night on Friday 10th July! As seen on Live at the Apollo, Mock the Week and Richard Osman's House of Games, Nathan is a truly celebrated comedian on the UK circuit — and he's coming to Ashlyns this summer.

'This comedian deserves their own Netflix special!' Garbage Podcast

Fancy a preview? Check him out [here](#). Book your tickets & curry [here](#). See more information on our leaflet [here](#) and visit our website [here](#).

THE ASA NEEDS YOU!

We're two people short of brilliant.

We have two gaps to fill at the ASA...

ASA Co-Chair: Work alongside Martin and the team; help shape what the ASA does and how it does it. Chat to Martin for the full picture.

Social Media support: Words + social know-how savvy? Help us spread the word about what we're up to.

Neither are onerous, but we'd love to keep building our small but well-formed team. Get in touch via asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

100 Club School Lottery: Congratulations to March's winners; 1st prize - E Stewart, 2nd Prize - E Perks, 3rd Prize - E Preston

We have doubled our membership over the last year, with the monthly cash for 1st prize now at £50! If you haven't yet signed up, give yourself a chance to win the cash [here](#). It's easy, and the more who sign up, the greater the prize pot - 50% of which goes to the ASA and 50% to the winners

New 2 You Uniform: Call out for donations please! Uniform donations of any kind are appreciated, but we are running particularly low on boy's blazers. If you have items that you can donate to us, please do. They can be dropped off at the school office or at 67a Kings Road, HP4 3BP. Thank you! Email us at the address below for uniform requests.

As always...

Stay in the loop: Complete this [form](#) to receive updates on fundraising activities and see where your contributions make a difference

Join our lottery: Sign up for the ASA 100 Club [here](#) for monthly chances to win cash prizes

Shop & raise: Sign up [here](#) for Easyfundraising - raise funds effortlessly while you shop online

Get in touch: asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

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



Children's Books About Space

Book List



Fly Me to the Moon: Activity for Primary-Aged Pupils

Activity



14 Questions About the Artemis Programme to Discuss with Curious Teens

Activity

With the buzz from the recent Artemis II space mission still capturing attention, conversations about space exploration are sparking curiosity and excitement well beyond the scientific community. Children and young people in particular, may find themselves asking bigger questions, imagining new possibilities, and developing a deeper interest in what lies beyond our planet.

For many families, this renewed fascination can be a wonderful opportunity to nurture curiosity and learning at home. Encouraging these interests through discussion, creative activities or reading, can all help build confidence and foster a lifelong love for discovery.

By making room for conversation, supporting questions, and engaging with your child's interests, you can help them feel motivated to explore. Toolled Up has a range of practical resources to help inspire the next generation of space explorers.

For **children of all ages, whether pre-schoolers or teens,** our resource [Children's Books About Space](#), **offers inspiration** on the wonders of the universe **through stories** of adventure, discovery and imagination.

[Fly Me to the Moon](#) **is an engaging activity perfect for primary-aged learners.** It helps them explore space and planets, while also **building essential skills** such as **learning specialist vocabulary**, cutting and sticking and conducting research. This easy-to-use activity offers a fun way for your child to dive into the wonders of space.

Dinnertime is the perfect moment for engaging in family discussions. Our resource [14 Questions About the Artemis Programme to Discuss with Teens](#), **features thought-provoking questions** to inspire curiosity about space and **promote deeper thinking.** Factual answers and helpful resources are included, with some questions likely to spark lively debate.